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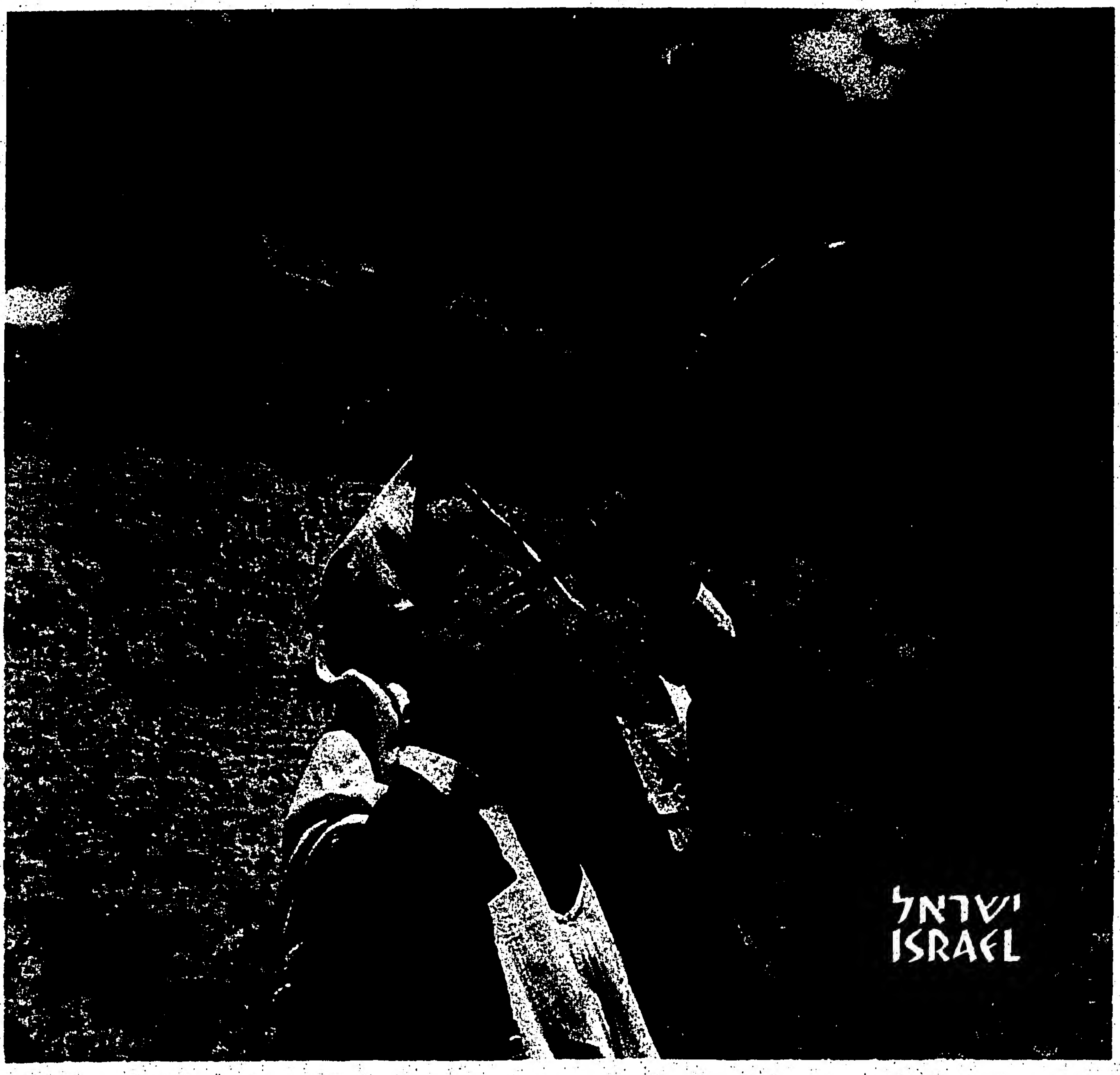


The shofar sounds the call...to come to Israel!

40th anniversary gets under way

Here come the tourists

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
Tourism is a mainstay of the Israeli economy thanks in part to Israelis like Abraham Drori.

Last year, tourism generated $1.3 billion, drawing in more foreign currency than any other sector of the economy.

For a country that has been through numerous economic crises, the tourist dollar cannot be taken for granted.

Israel, being blessed by matchless historical and archeological sights, fine beaches and good weather, sells itself.

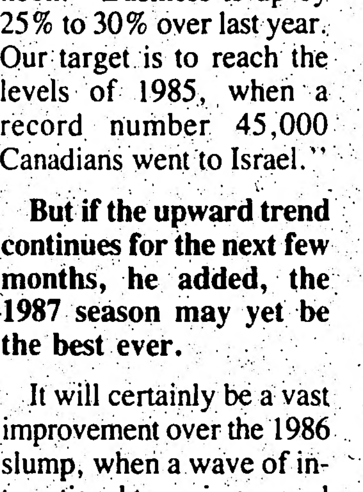
As intrinsically attractive as Israel may be to the average traveller, it must be constantly marketed in the highly competitive travel industry. And that's where Drori comes in. Director of the Israel Government Tourist Office, Drori faces the challenge of increasing Canadian travel to the Jewish state when so many other destinations beckon.

Right now, Drori's chief preoccupation is to ensure that projections for 1987 are met. "We're experiencing a wonderfully good year," he said in an interview the other afternoon. "Business is up by 25% to 30% over last year. Our target is to reach the levels of 1985, when a record number 45,000 Canadians went to Israel."

But if the upward trend continues for the next few months, he added, the 1987 season may yet be the best ever.

It will certainly be a vast improvement over the 1986 slump, when a wave of international terrorism scared off many travellers and resulted in an inflow to Israel of just 39,000 Canadian tourists.

Drori, who until two years ago directed the southern U.S. operations of the Israel Government Tourist Office, looks forward to the coming year when Israel markes it 40th anniversary of statehood with a series of special programs.



Abraham Drori

"We expect 55,000 to 60,000 Canadians to visit Israel," he said.

He and his staff, who operate out of the Israeli consulate in downtown Toronto, build Israel's image as a desirable destination through four means.

In the largely untapped Jewish market Israel is promoted primarily through organizations, synagogues and community leaders. "We promote Israel as a good place to visit where people can enjoy themselves as much as in Florida or Hawaii and where they can feel at home," he explained.

It may come as a surprise that only about 20% of Canadian Jews have ever visited Israel, but the figure is correct.

Drori also works hard to cultivate the Christian market, which accounts for 60% to 70% of business, mainly in Ontario and Quebec.

In addition, Drori is in close touch with some 20 Canadian wholesalers and 300 to 400 retailers. At the moment, less than 10% of retailers sell Israel. Drori hopes that within a year at least 500 retail agencies will be selling Israel.

He said he intends to interest travel agents in Israel through the medium of seminars, direct mail campaigns, trade shows and fam trips.

Last but not least, he works with travel writers and broadcasters, to whom he sends information kits and invites on trips.

Drori, a native son of Jerusalem, realizes that misconceptions about Israel make it harder for him to sell his product.

"Israel is safe," he said emphatically. "According to the U.S. state department, Israel is one of the safest countries in the world. And El Al is one of the safest airlines there is."

Furthermore, the cost of an Israeli holiday is inexpensive compared to Western Europe.

"We hold the record for repeat visitors — 40%."

Israel must be doing something right.

CJC to join effort on "who's a Jew"

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Canadian Jewish Congress will join a coalition of other North American organizations in opposing changes to Israel's Law of Return.

Members of national executive committee agreed at a recent meeting to take part in the campaign after committee member Donald Carr told them "it's an issue that Canadian Jewish Congress cannot afford to duck."

The Law of Return — which permits Jews to immigrate to Israel and receive immediate citizenship — recently received international attention when the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party sponsored three amendments enabling the Israeli Rabbinic Court to reject the Jewish conversions of some individuals applying for citizenship.

The issue of conversions is controversial because the Law of Return defines a Jew as anyone who is born to a Jewish mother or who has undergone a Jewish conversion. There is no definition in the law on what constitutes a conversion.

On July 8 the Knesset rejected two of the Shas amendments. A third was withdrawn by Shas on July 29, the date it was scheduled to be heard.

Prior to the third amendment's withdrawal, a high-level delegation of North American Jewish leaders — including representatives from the United Israel Appeal of Canada — spoke to the Knesset, voicing their opposition to the changes.

The action was taken by the North American group to "sensitize" the Israeli politicians and public to the issue, Carr said in an interview.

At the CJC meeting, Carr — who along with UIA of Canada executive vice-president Walter Hess took part in the delegation — reported on the coalition's efforts, concluding his remarks by asking the CJC to join.

The coalition, led by the New York-based Council of Jewish Federations, will continue to press for no changes to The Law of Return.

Although the matter has already been dealt with by the Israeli government, it could be brought back before the Knesset when it reconvenes later this fall, Carr told The CJN.

Congress was not asked to join in the CJF's summer delegation, because the CJF's July meeting — set up to decide what action would be taken — was called on very short notice.

Carr, who is honorary legal counsel for UIA of Canada, said the CJF asked the UIA of Canada to participate because it has "natural ties" with the CJF. Like the UIA, many of the CJF's activities revolve around fund raising.

The inclusion of CJC in the coalition will aid in future efforts to prevent The Law of Return from being amended, he said.

"It means that the voice of Canadian Jewry will now be added to all the other organizations of the United States in following up on the program and to hopefully continue with this issue," Carr told The CJN.

During his report he told the more than 50 people at the CJC meeting that to the average Israeli, The Law of Return is a "non-issue."

Carr later explained in an interview Israelis do not distinguish between the Reform and Conservative movements, since in Israel people are considered "either Orthodox or nothing."

Israelis also have little interest in The Law of Return because it doesn't affect them — they're already citizens of the Jewish state.

As a result, one of the decisions of the delegation was to urge North American Jewish organizations to mount a public relations program in Israel to inform citizens of the importance of the issue.

Carr said it was also felt the question of "Who is a Jew" shouldn't be dealt with by the Knesset.

"For the Knesset to start interpreting who is a Jew puts them into the arena where they are starting to interpret Jewish religious laws and the Knesset is not a religious body," Carr said.

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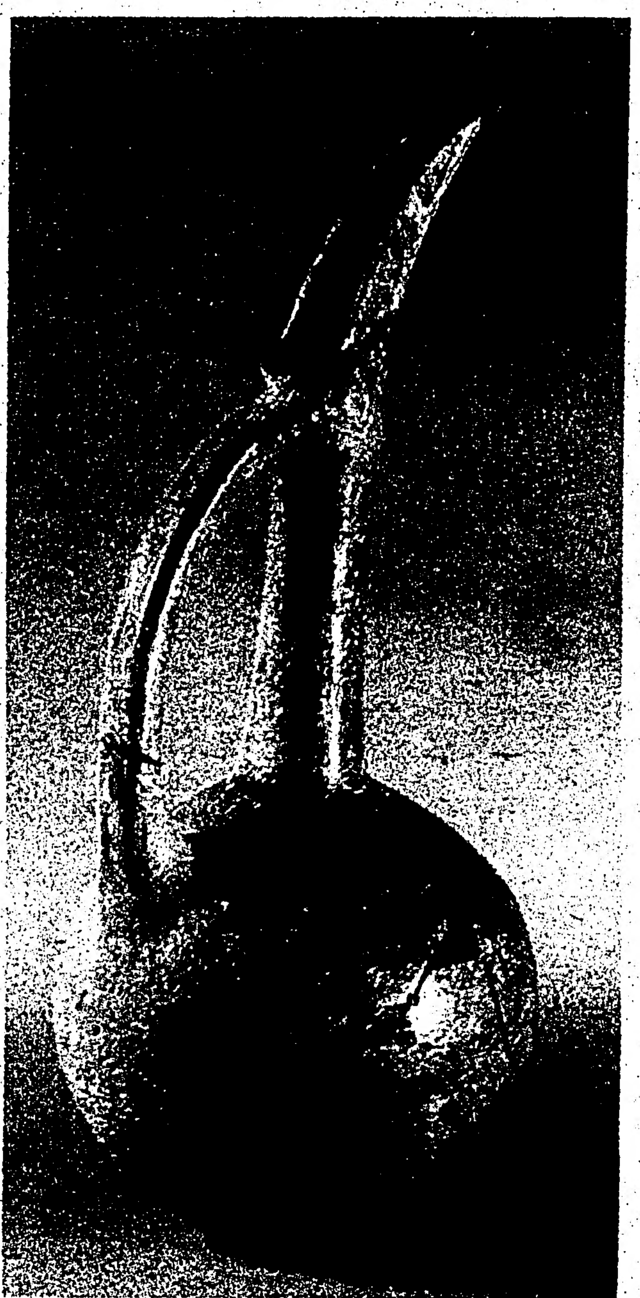

NEW MUSEUM

This graceful slender-necked jug from the second millennium BCE, is one of more than 2,000 works of ancient art valued at more than $40 million, which have been donated by biblical scholar and collector Elie Borowski, of Toronto, to the Bible Lands Museum which is under construction in the cultural centre of Jerusalem.

The spouted jug was burnished to a lustrous finish and fired red. It is one of the delicate, monochrome vessels that developed in central Anatolia before and during the Assyrian colony period. The terracotta pitcher is 13.4 inches high. See full story on front of Rosh Hashanah supplement.

Meets with Mulroney

Canada's human rights stand pleases Scharansky

By
DAVID LAZARUS

OTTAWA — Canada would consider taking part in an international human rights conference in Moscow only if a series of "stiff conditions" were met, Natan Scharansky was assured by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark during a 15-minute meeting on Parliament Hill.

Scharansky said he was "glad to find a deep understanding" on the part of the Canadian government about the continuing plight of Soviet Jews.

The freed Soviet Jewish dissident then met with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for a 30-minute session in his office.

At a photo session before the meeting, Mulroney said his government would continue to "press" the Soviet Union on human rights and Soviet Jewry issues.

"I want to see a lot of progress," he said. "Joe Clark, I, and Bill Attewell (Conservative MP, Don Valley East and chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry) are continuing to work on a regular basis in this regard."

Following their meeting, Scharansky voiced satisfaction that he had received an attentive hearing about his skepticism concerning Soviet proposals to hold a human rights conference in the USSR.

According to his lawyer, McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, the USSR has been sending signals to the West about such a conference.

Scharansky said "serious pre-conditions" would have to be met. "There are not 400 principles, just some," he said, citing the release of all political prisoners, the repeal of the decree allowing only Jews with "first degree relatives in Israel to apply to emigrate, free access, and genuine, unorchestrated media coverage of the conference.

"I mentioned to the Prime Minister the words of the Canadian ambassador to Moscow. He said that having a human rights conference in the Soviet Union was like holding a racism conference in Nazi Germany."

Scharansky added that Mulroney was "as happy as I" that high-profile dissidents have been released. But like himself, Mulroney agreed that this should not detract attention from the thousands of Refuseniks and activists who do not attract the same publicity. Mulroney assured him that "considerable action" would be undertaken by his government to ensure that human rights violations would be addressed.

Asked if media attention accorded such well-known cases as Scharansky and Josef Begun could potentially hinder the release of the lesser-known cases, Mulroney answered no.

"Every action is a gesture and an action in the right direction," he said.

Scharansky's meeting with Mulroney culminated a day of frenetic activity in Ottawa.

The diminutive dissident, now a typical tieless Israeli (even during his meeting with Mulroney), began his schedule visiting with Liberal opposition leader John Turner.

Scharansky then held a press conference at the National Press Building, where he fielded questions on glasnost and reiterated his gratitude to the Canadian government and its Jewish community for their pioneering efforts in seeking to enlist his release and for their activism on behalf of the Soviet Jewry movement.

Accompanied throughout the day and at the meetings by Cotler, Attewell, Canadian Jewish Congress' National Committee for Soviet Jewry, Barbara Stern, and CJC's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry co-chairman Wendy Litwack, Scharansky was then spirited away for a 15-minute meeting with New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent.

From there, Scharansky joined Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh and Ottawa Jewish community leadership for a luncheon at the Jewish Community Centre. Also attending were Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir president Stephen Victor, Vaad director Gittel Tatz, and Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Dr. Walter Hendelman, co-chairmen of the Ottawa Jewish community's Soviet Jewry committee.

Scharansky was received with a warm standing ovation by 500 community members at a rally at the JCC following the luncheon.

Gur-Arieh said Scharansky exemplified the human spirit, which is "stronger than any imaginable evil." He also proved that "justice, human rights, and ethical values can still, even in difficult historical times of evil and cruelty, be achieved by human heroism," the ambassador said.

In response, Scharansky told the crowd that the Soviet KGB fully expected the Jewish and Zionist struggle in the USSR to continue. "Let's not disappoint them," he said to laughter and sustained applause.

Prior to his meetings with Clark and Mulroney, Scharansky sat in on question period in the House of Commons. The members stood up in unison and cheered Scharansky when his presence was recognized. Scharansky donned a tie for the occasion.

Stern told The CJN the Prime Minister demonstrated a "deep awareness" of the issues raised by Scharansky.

Ottawa has embarked on a series of "private undertakings which underscores the government's very strong position," she said.

Mulroney, she said, "listened with great interest" to the suggestions put forward by Scharansky.

Natan Scharansky and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney shake hands in the PM's office. At left is Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry. [Howard Kay photo]

Natan speaks at McGill

West warned to be wary of Soviet moves

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The West should not be "deceived" into believing fundamental changes in human rights have taken place in the Soviet Union because several prominent dissidents, like himself, have been released, said Natan Scharansky.

Scharansky, on his first visit to Canada, repeated a similar message at both a press conference and a lecture at McGill University: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has a keen sense of public relations and will use headline-grabbing "gestures," such as the release of well known longtime Refuseniks, as a bargaining chip with the West.

He is not, however, interested in giving any real meaning to "glasnost" for the average Soviet citizen.

"Gorbachev is using these dissidents as hostages. He knows the West will pay a high price for their freedom," he said. The release of Iosif Begun, Viktor Brailovsky and other prominent, long-time Refuseniks was "an attempt to create a good atmosphere" before Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's meeting with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, Scharansky suggested.

Meanwhile, Jewish emigration generally has become more restrictive, he said. The new emigration code limits applicants to only those with first-degree relatives, he noted. This requirement will disqualify about 90% of the the 400,000 Jews, he said, who wish to leave the Soviet Union today.

"Everyone was saying how bad Brezhnev was when 50,000 Jews were leaving the Soviet Union. Now everyone is saying how good Gorbachev is when only 5,000 or 6,000 Jews leave," Scharansky said.

The Soviet authorities are also allowing a new anti-semitic, Russian nationalist group called Memory to flourish and, in fact, refused recently to allow a small group of Jews to demonstrate against it, he said.

Because Gorbachev recognizes the Soviet economy is in urgent need of reform and knows the West will link human rights with trade and technological exchange, Scharansky believes major changes can be made in the Soviet Union if the West is firm enough in its demands.

Canada, as one of the signatories of the Helsinki Accords, can play an important role in making sure the Soviet Union's human rights record is on the agenda of any relations the two countries have.

As a minimum, Scharansky said, the West should demand that Moscow release all political prisoners, stop jailing people for their ideas and relax the emigration laws.

Scharansky also warned those involved with the Soviet Jewry struggle not to become complacent and that public pressure on the Soviet Union for Jewish emigration is more important than ever. He said Soviet Jewish emigres should have the freedom to choose the country they want to settle in.

"Before, our two biggest enemies were the KGB and despair because we believed nothing we could do would change things...Now, we have a different enemy.

"The KGB is the same, its face may have changed but not its aims, and the other is complacency. Too many people are saying things are going good, it's not the time to press, we have to wait."

Scharansky's visit to Montreal was sponsored by the McGill Faculty of Law, where he inaugurated the Natan Scharansky Lectureship in Human Rights before an overflow, largely student, audience. This annual lecture, which will feature a person who has come to symbolize the struggle for human rights and dignity, has been established by Gordon Echenberg, a McGill law graduate and former governor of the university.

The lecture is one of the activities of the newly created InterAmicus, described as a Canadian-based international human rights advocacy centre, headed by McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, who acted as Scharansky's legal counsel during his 10 years of imprisonment. Cotler was Scharansky's host in Canada.

Scharansky said he only knew Cotler was his lawyer after his release in February, 1986. But he did read his name once in a while in prison. A Soviet magazine reported on the expulsion of the "Zionist provocateur" Cotler for his "anti-Soviet" agitation on behalf of the "spy" Scharansky.

Scharansky was also the guest at a private luncheon at the McGill faculty club, attended by judges and lawyers, including former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and university officials, among them principal David Johnston. The festive affair marked the 10th anniversary of Avital Scharansky's address to a similar gathering of jurists at McGill to launch a public appeal for her husband's release.

Scharansky said the reason he had not been to Canada sooner was that Avital had begged him to keep his travels to a minimum. The visits he has made to the U.S. in the past were short and "politically important," he said.

This time he is spending several weeks in the U.S. with Avital and their baby daughter.

Natan Scharansky signs a placard for delighted Jewish day school students following a community-wide rally at Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre. [Howard Kay photo]

Patience pays off

Enthusiastic crowd greets hero Scharansky

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO — The crowd five or six deep wrapped itself almost around Massey Hall last week waiting for the doors to open.

It was not the latest rock star for whom the crowd — old, young, men, women some of whom were obviously in the last weeks of pregnancy — waited but rather for Natan Scharansky, a star in the eyes of human rights activists and advocates.

And wait patiently they did, some as much as 2½ hours, for the man who has been called the catalyst and conscience of the Soviet Jewry movement here as part of a 3-day, 3-city Canadian visit.

But then patience has always been a byword for those involved in the fight to free Soviet Jews.

In little time, Toronto's historic Massey Hall was filled to the rafters with an enthusiastic crowd awaiting eagerly every word uttered about and by Scharansky, whose availability now prompted the Coalition for Soviet Jewry to bring forward its annual Simchat Torah solidarity rally.

A slide show, featuring various pictures of Scharansky and his wife Avital as well as articles outlining the 9-year struggle for his release from Soviet labor camps culminating in the headline which stated, "Home — and Free," whetted the crowd's appetite for the real thing.

As Scharansky walked on stage, accompanied by his lawyer, McGill Univeristy professor Irwin Cotler and various local dignitaries, the capacity crowd rose as one and began cheering for the 39-year-old mathematician, who was flanked on stage by representatives of the 150 groups which comprise the coalition.

They patiently listened to tributes paid to Scharansky by coalition chairman Mira Koschitzky, Cotler, York University president Harry Arthurs, and Wendy Litwack and Marsha Slavens, co-chairmen of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region.

It was Cotler who best voiced the mood of the crowd when he said: "How sweet and fitting it is when one can come together in unity. You can feel it here this evening ... the moral power of solidarity in a just cause, inspired by the courage and commitment of Natan Scharansky, a true hero of our time at a time when there are so few heros, who has shown that one person can and does make a difference."

During all the speeches the audience cheered at the appropriate time almost as if there were an applause sign flashing.

In fact, the cheering as Arthurs presented Scharansky — whom he said had become "the conscience of an entire generation ... a symbol of the struggle for human rights" — with the honorary degree conferred in 1982 and accepted on his behalf by Cotler, was almost deafening.

Litwack's remembrances of how it was Canadians who upon hearing "a shy woman's story of her husband ... how they were separated the day after they married" rushed to her cause and helped her publicize the plight during the course of a 12-year campaign were nothing short of poignant.

"Natan, from that moment you were never far from our hearts. Together we wept when your sentence (9 years in a labor camp) was announced ... we were with you when your only companions were hunger and frost."

On this note, Scharansky rose to go to the podium and as he did, the audience was again on its feet. It was several minutes before the thunderous applause ebbed so he could begin.

In warning Canadians not to be deceived by the recent release of several high-profile Refuseniks, he warmed to his theme that it is imperative to increase pressure on the Soviet Union to live up to its human rights obligations by recounting how he and others discovered their Jewishness during a time when, because of state sponsored anti-semitism, life was easier for Jews who assimilated.

Things changed during and after the Six Day War in June 1967.

"The miraculous victory of Israel ... suddenly we found out we were Zionists."

In 1972, he became the unofficial spokesman of the Zionists and would meet tourists giving them messages and information to take back to the West.

"When we started our struggle in the Soviet Union we suddenly found out we are not alone, that we have family all over the world and the family, our relatives the Jews of Israel, Canada and America found that they have us."

In fact, his wife Avital discovered, or rather was discovered by, a Toronto branch of the family. The first letter he was allowed after the 18 months he was held before the trial on espionage charges was from Avital. It introduced him to the family he never knew he had and how "it had become active and mobilized the synagogue (Beth Tikvah)."

The Canadian connection goes deeper. He pointed out that Canada played a pivotal role in convincing the Soviets to sign the 1975 Helsinki Accords.

It was this that convinced dissidents to "test the sincerity of the Soviet Union ... by speaking out on behalf of people."

The test continues now, he said, pointing to the positive image of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev granting freedom to "less than 10% of Soviet Jews than the number that emigrated in 1970 (the last year of the mass exodus when emigration hit 51,000 Jews)."

In January, the Soviets implemented a new emigration decree, which states that only those with first-degree relatives — parents, spouse, children or siblings — can apply to emigrate to Israel. Scharansky says that in practical terms this means of the 400,000 Jews who had possessed an invitation to emigrate from a relative in Israel, more than 90% are disqualified.

He is optimistic, however, that as Gorbachev strives to bolster the faltering Soviet economy, he too recognizes the power of the human rights issue in the West.

In the light of last week's meeting in Washington between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Schevardnadze — which experts say is a prelude to a fall summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Gorbachev, "we must recharge our campaign. We must bring our message of truth to every Jew in Canada and America.

"The future framework of relations between East and West will be defined this month and it will become clear the problem of freedom for Soviet Jewry will be part of the agenda of new relations.

"We can't expect our politicians to be stronger in defending the rights of Soviet Jewry than we ourselves are," he said, adding that "we must make sure our voice is heard by everyone... Let us prove the fate of Soviet Jews is in our hands."

The next morning before leaving for the U.S., he reiterated the same theme at a press conference which preceded a 45-minute meeting with Premier David Peterson, Opposition Leader Bob Rae and MPPs Elinor Caplan and Monte Kwinter. Conservative Party Leader Larry Grossman was invited but did not attend the meeting.

Scharansky was accompanied by Koschitzky, Litwack, Cotler, Herb Rosenfeld, Charles Zaionz, David Satok, Yehuda Lipsitz, Les Scheininger and Ben Prossin.

Scharansky briefed the premier on the procedures whereby Soviet Jews can apply for an exit visa and pointed out the dangerous effectiveness of Gorbachev's public relations campaign — he lets fewer Jews go than did earlier Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev but has a better image.

The Coalition for Soviet Jewry held a Community Solidarity Rally last week at Toronto's Massey hall. Flanking Natan Scharansky (centre) are (left to right) coalition chairman Mira Koschitzky; Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region's Committee for Soviet Jewry; McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler and Joyce Eklove, vice-chairman of Litwack's committee. [Graphic Artists photo]

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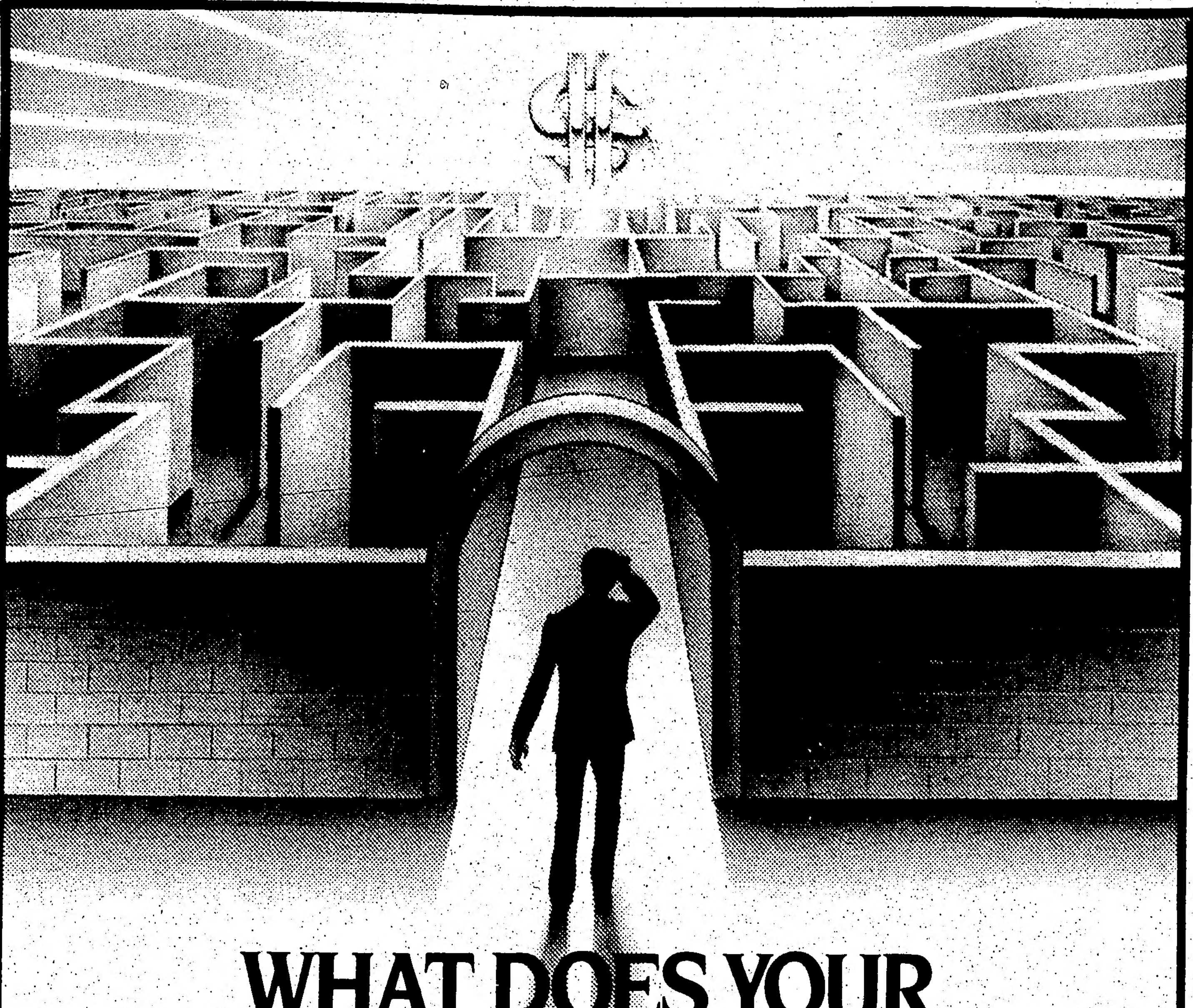

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Were Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur always Days of Awe?

In the days of the Talmud, and in the days of the prophets much of the awe was missing on those sacred days.

Today, all our Jewish communities blow the shofar at the end of the morning services during the month of Elul, except on the Sabbath. Some have a tradition of blowing the shofar morning and evening. But, the prophets of Israel knew not any such tradition. Neither did the sages of the Talmud.

Rabbi Burak

In Midrash Leviticus Rabba, Parshas Emor, 29:6, there is something that might be interpreted as a command to blow the shofar for a whole month. But, when read carefully, it is not so: "In this month you shall renew your deeds. On this month you shall blow the shofar, that is, cleanse your deeds." The emphasis is on the cleansing.

If the shofar was not blown during the Talmudic period in the month of Elul, we can better understand Rabbah's decree prohibiting the blowing of the shofar when Rosh Hashanah falls on a Saturday. Said Rabbah, in Tractate Rosh Hashanah, 29B, "All are obligated to blow the shofar. But, everyone doesn't know how to blow the shofar.

"Therefore, it is prohibited (on the Sabbath day) lest he take it in his hand to an expert to learn how to do it, and he carry it four cubits in a heavily travelled street." How strange would all this be if the man had been blowing the shofar for the entire month of Elul. If he were blowing shofar for days and days, would he wake up on Rosh Hashanah to go for a lesson?

But, if he didn't do it all month long, he could wake up on this day of days like a school boy who didn't study for his exam, and must do a little cramming, at the last minute.

The character of Yom Kippur was quite different in the early days, as can be seen from the well known Mishna, Tractate Ta'anis, 29B: "There were no happier days for Israel than the 15th of Ab, and the Day of Atonement, for on them the daughters of Jerusalem would go forth in white garments. And these garments were borrowed, so that none who did not possess them would be put to shame. . . ."

During the dances, some ideas were exchanged. The daughters of Jerusalem would say to the young gentlemen: "Young man, lift up thine eyes, and consider whom thou wilt select for thyself. Do not fix thine eyes upon beauty, but consider the family." And the young men would answer with a quotation from the Bible.

The Sages of the Talmud ask what all the happiness was about, and the answer is that the joy welled up from the awareness that the sins were forgiven.

You should ask yourself why the talk is only about the maidens of Jerusalem? Apparently, it wasn't done in other cities. Only in Jerusalem was it clearly seen, and felt, that the sins were gone.

Nevertheless, there have been scholars who pointed to a story in the Talmud about a father and son combination, who sinned with a betrothed maiden on the day of Yom Kippur. Their point is that even such a chaste dance in which all the maidens wore the same, simple white outfit, could lead to obscene acts on the most sacred of days.

If the character of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur changed, it was due to the many sorrows heaped on our people, sorrows so terrifying in their numbers, that even if the Messiah were to come tomorrow we would not have the right to forget them.

Let the old year fade away with its pains and its heartaches, and let there come in its place a year of blessing, a year of awakening, a year of good tidings from all our brothers in Israel and the world over.

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Natan credits world Jewry efforts

By
JOEL YANOFSKY

MONTREAL — Natan Scharansky, once a symbol of the desperate plight of Soviet Jews, was welcomed as the embodiment of freedom and hope — as a "hero for our time" — at a community rally at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

Scharansky, who drew close to 3,000 cheering people at the Westmount synagogue, said that the reason the cause of Soviet Jewry has been successful was because Jews everywhere "felt a part of it."

A small, gracious man, Scharansky credited the efforts of world Jewry and the support of Israel with his release from the Soviet prison where he was held for more than nine years on spying charges.

"With your protests, you proved that an army of students and housewives and average citizens was much stronger than the KGB . . . That is also the best proof that the fate of our brothers in the Soviet Union is in our hands."

But Scharansky's purpose in coming to Canada was not solely to express his gratitude. He also had a message to deliver, a warning against complacency:

"We must bring our struggle back to its initial aims . . . To a struggle for every Jew who wants to leave. We can't rest. We must continue to demonstrate . . ."

Despite the recent encouraging steps taken by Mikhail Gorbachev under the new policy of openness or glasnost, Scharansky remains skeptical.

He pointed out that the Soviet leader is "a master of public relations" and that so far, despite the release of a handful of celebrated Soviet dissidents, Gorbachev's deeds have not matched his words.

Scharansky urged that the pressure be kept on. "It is very important that when Gorbachev does visit the West the press, for example, makes it clear to him that they are more interested in human rights than they are in what his wife is wearing . . .

"We cannot waste this golden opportunity . . . Every Jew in Canada has the chance to play a part in this historic struggle . . ."

He added that there was a time when realistic people believed that he and others like him would never get out, but "idealistic people kept trying to do the impossible. I call on you not to be realistic and to try again to do the impossible."

He gave a moving description of how he carried on a daily struggle with the KGB. "They tried to convince me the world had changed, that I had to compromise . . . . In order to cope with my fear. . . . I convinced myself that between me and the KGB there was a war . . . and between me and Jews there was no war."

Also speaking at the rally were two key Montreal figures in the Scharansky cause, Irwin Cotler and Barbara Stern.

Cotler praised the audience for their dedication to the cause of Soviet Jewry. "You proved that one person can and does make a difference."

Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, introduced Scharansky and said that his presence in Montreal represented the closing of one circle and the beginning of another. "Now you are a symbol of hope for all others and we shall not let down our efforts on their behalf."

The rally was co-sponsored by Allied Jewish Community Services, B'nai B'rith, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Swaying to Hinei Motov Umanayim at the community rally in Montreal's Congregation Shaar Hashomayim are (from left) Martin Penn, Irwin Cotler, Natan Scharansky, Israeli Consul-General in Montreal Chalom Schirman, Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose and Barbara Stern, chairman of CJC's National Committe for Soviet Jewry. [Howard Kay photo]

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This New Year for Israel has special meaning

JERUSALEM —

The New Year for Israel, its 40th anniversary, is one of special and moving significance calling for reverence and hope, says President Chaim Herzog in his Rosh Hashanah message to the Diaspora.

It is "not simply **another anniversary in the cycle of time but a date that evokes deepest memories of the juxtaposition of death and loss in the Holocaust with new life in our ancient homeland," Herzog said.**

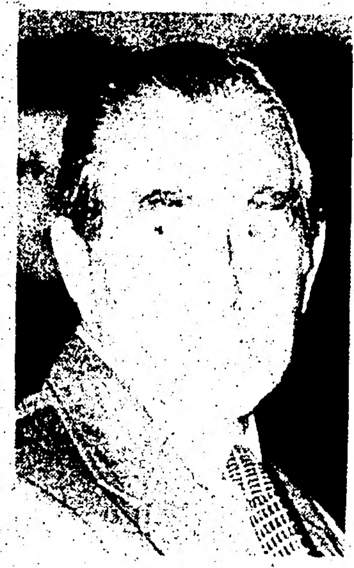
"In all this saga of rebirth, there have been events of the most intense, most stirring significance — the War of Independence, the reunification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War, the hard-won victory of the Yom Kippur War, leading eventually to peace with Egypt, the rescue at Entebbe, the flowering of agricultural, scientific, medical, historical, scholarship and Torah studies, as well as literary, musical and artistic creativity."

The President called for a rededication to the centrality of Israel in Jewish life and to the principle enunciated in the Declaration of Independence based on the traditions of the Jewish people and guaranteeing equality to all citizens of the state without distinction of race and religion.

He said that tolerance and understanding between the Orthodox and secular elements in the population is "absolutely essential" for Israel's full and harmonious development.

"It should not be out of the question for mutual respect and even spiritual fructification to take the place of fanaticism and violence," Herzog said. "In this problem, as in so much else, Israel becomes the proving ground for the evolution of Jewish history."

It is not a cloudless sky that Israel faces in its 40th year, but it confronts its problems with a sense of having proved its capacity to carry out sometimes inconceivably difficult objectives, he said.



Chaim Herzog

"Clearly, peace with our neighbors is one such great objective, still far from realization, except for the heartening instance of Egypt. Yet even in this field there is movement now and there is hope."

There is hope, as well, the President added, for increased Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, and, with increased worldwide understanding of the significance of Jewish education, there is hope for a significant change in the spiritual and cultural life of Diaspora Jewry.

"The inroads which have been made into the ranks of the Jewish people by assimilation have reached very dangerous proportions, and efforts must be redoubled to strengthen Jewish education everywhere and the Jewish identification of youth in the schools and on the campuses," Herzog said.

"An atmosphere must be created in which the idea of youths settling in Israel becomes natural and self-understood. For Israel represents the greatest and the most rewarding of challenges to Jewish youth."

The President concluded by sending "from Jerusalem to all of you the blessing of: Ktiva vechatima tova.' "

Shamir calls on Israelis to "act as one people"

JERUSALEM —

Not since the infancy of the Jewish people has there been a period "so fateful, so inspiring and so rich in achievement" as the past 40 years, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Diaspora Jews in his New Year's message.

Since the estabishment of the state, the major events of Jewish history have revolved around Israel, Shamir said.

"Those who were touched by these events who have felt themselves part of this saga know the incomparable excitement such participation can impart," the Prime Minister said. "Nothing can match the reward of partnership in this momentous turn in the history of our people."

If the Jewish people and the State of Israel are to grow and thrive, today's challenges can be met "only if we act as one people," the Prime Minister said.

Referring to the plight of Soviet Jewry, Shamir stated that most of the 400,000 Jews who have expressed their desire to join their families in Israel are still denied their elementary human right to leave.

"It will take dedicated and untiring efforts of every Jewish community in the world to effect their release," he added.

Similarly, Shamir said, there are still thousands of Jews in Ethiopia, many of them parents cruelly separated from children fortunate enough to reach Israel, who must be saved.

Yitzhak Shamir

"None of us in the Free World can feel free until our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union and in Ethiopia are free. To save them is our national mission, our historic privilege, our sacred duty."

The Prime Minister said it is a matter of regret that Israel has not yet achieved peace with all of its neighbors.

"We should all make a concerted effort to convince the world that as long as countries at war with us continue to be armed to the teeth, and as long as terrorism against us is openly or tacitly encouraged, there will be no peace in the region," Shamir stated.

"It is time our neighbors realized that we are here to stay and that they should follow Egypt's example by coming to the negotiation table for direct talks with us."

Shamir termed the lack of aliya from the West a failure of the Zionist dream and a threat to the Jewish character of the state. He called upon the leadership of the Jewish communities including its rabbis, teachers, movements and organizations to give priority "to introducing the young generation to the Israel experience."

The Prime Minister also decried the fact that most Jews in the Diaspora have never visited Israel, saying, "I can think of no finer way to celebrate this anniversary year than by having Jews from all over the world, especially those who have never been here, join us in the festivities.

Shamir said that Israel and the Diaspora have been able to overcome the most daunting obstacles and have been able to realize a dream few deemed possible.

"Together we can pave the way for a future that will surpass even the incredible achievements of the past.

"I wish the whole house of Israel a Happy New Year 5748. May it be a year of consolidation, peace and further progress for Am Israel and Eretz Israel.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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OLEISKY — BILGRAY — WEISENBAUM — FALCO

My friend, Nat Gaisin, a transplanted Montrealer, spends his winters in Tucson, Arizona. Being of an inquiring mind, he submitted four unusual names of clerics in Tucson — three rabbis and one cantor.

OLEISKY is probably from OLESKO east of LVOV.

BILGRAY is from BILGORAJ in southeast Poland, not far from LVOV.

WEISENBAUM is literally white tree in Yiddish.

FALCO is from FALKOW, a village in central Poland.

You wonder how they all got together in Tucson.

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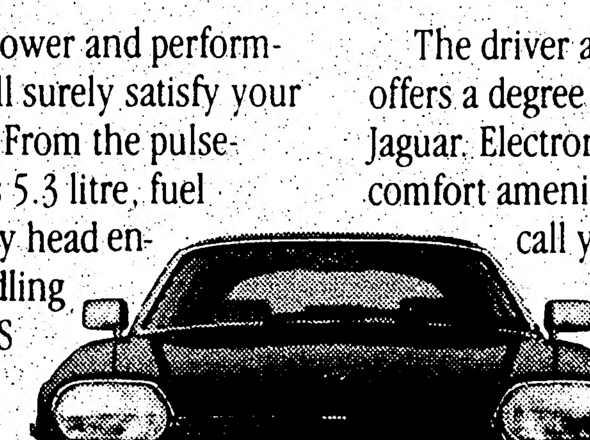

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Concessions to Hitler at the Munich conference, Sept. 29, 1938, led to the Nazis' control of Czechoslovakia. Its survivors in the ensuing Holocaust included about 50,000 people — 1/7 of the prewar community — and the venerable Alteneue Shul of Prague.

The Alteneue is Europe's oldest synagogue in continuous service. (The oldest shul, not in use now, is a stone's throw away, at the edge of Prague's old Jewish cemetery.)

The Gothic-style Alteneue has inspired legends since its construction in the mid-13th century. The name Old-New is attributed to its periodic renovations. Another version gives its name as the Al-tenai (conditional, in Hebrew). It was built, it says, much earlier, by exiles from Jerusalem who brought with them foundation stones from the recently destroyed Second Temple, on condition they or their descendants dismantle the shul at the coming of the Messiah and return the stones to Jerusalem.

Sensitive viewers

The floor of the high slope-roofed building, with its small mournful windows, is sunk below ground level. A double hall of soaring columns and arches dominates the interior. Its once ornate doorway and other parts date back to the first construction. Sensitive viewers, it is said, can discern on the walls bloodstains of some 3,000 Jews massacred by a church mob in 1389.

The bimah sports a scarlet banner embroidered with a Magen David and a Swedish hat, presented to the community in 1648 for its decisive role in saving the city and in effect the Holy Roman Empire from Swedish invaders. Beside it stands the vacant chair of 16th century Rabbi Yehuda Loew.

Loew is immortalized in the Halacha as the Maharal, an acronym of his names, for his extensive traditional commentaries. In mystic lore, he is the creator of the Golem, the invincible humanoid dispatched to defend Prague's Jews from aggression. It was reported that Loew fashioned the Golem out of clay in the attic of the Alteneue Shul, bringing it to life with kabbalistic rites. Stories and plays describe the Golem's decisive interventions. Its legend was revived some 200 years later by Mary Shelley as the Frankenstein monster, and currently as a variety of robots and wilfull super computers. The original Golem, it was said, lies hidden in the Alteneue Shul attic, awaiting his master's call.

Synagogues burned

By 1939, the Nazis were well entrenched in Prague. Deportation of its Jews to concentration camps began as soon as World War II broke out. One by one, synagogues were burned and their Torah scrolls destroyed. Czech police officers stationed outside the Alteneue Shul discouraged "unofficial" German actions for a while, but its end was expected. Day by day, non-observant as well as religious Jews went to visit the "Mother of Prague's Synagogues" for perhaps the last time. Every morning they asked if there was a fire on Maisels St. Gentile pilgrims included German SS and SA troops, who came to see the "cursed house of prayer" as a rare historical site about to be disposed of.

Bombs were found nearby. Early every morning before beginning the rushed service, confined to 20 minutes, an elderly Jew examined the hall, Torah cabinet, and dais for incendiary materials. On this occasion, in late 1939, he let out a cry of alarm. Here and there were gasoline, paraffin, straw, and burned-out bundles of paper. A torching had been attempted. Nothing was damaged or burned. No-nonsense worshippers, sighing their relief, speculated that the burning paper was extinguished in the long fall from the dormer window to the floor.

The elderly Jew pointed out footprints in the dust leading from the gasoline to Rabbi Loew's chair and from there to the attic. He leaned beside the seat, with a prayer of gratitude and a plea for the further protection of the Alteneue Shul.

The synagogue continues to attract visitors from near and far.

"An historic day"

Jewish groups praise Bill C-71

By
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —
The federal government last week enacted legislation to allow for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

Spokesmen for major Jewish organizations lauded the proclamation of Bill C-71, the government bill which passed through the House and Senate without amendment.

"This is an historic day," said Milton Harris, immediate past president of Canadian Jewish Congress and chairman of its war crimes committee. "We are enormously gratified by the determination of the government in moving swift passage of this legislation.

"We now have a legislative basis to move quickly against those suspected Nazi war criminals identified in the Deschenes Commission report and to set in motion the process which will permit investigation of further cases so that justice may be done," Harris said.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada, praised the Mulroney government for enacting the legislation and for commissioning the Deschenes inquiry which investigated the presence in Canada of suspected Nazi war criminals and which recommended changes be made to the Criminal Code to prosecute them.

"We see the enactment of this bill as a posthumous victory for all the victims of Nazi genocide and atrocities," Dimant said.

David Matas, senior legal counsel for B'nai B'rith, called on Solicitor General James Kelleher to launch prosecutions against the 20 alleged Nazi war criminals whom Justice Jules Deschenes identified as living in Canada.

"The passage of Bill C-71 has removed a blemish of moral turpitude from the record of Canada's post-war history," Matas said. "The aged and enfeebled appearance of Nazis like Klaus Barbie or Rudolph Hess belie their heinous crimes against humanity.

"The fugitive Nazi war criminals in Canada must be pursued with the full vigor of the law. Even after more than 40 years, the victims of Nazism call out for justice."

Prof. Irwin Cotler, a Congress spokesman on the war criminal issue, said in a meeting he and Natan Scharansky held with Brian Mulroney, the Prime Minister told them Canada would not maintain a policy of indifference towards Nazi war criminals.

Prosecuting war criminals is " 'a matter of principle, not of politics,' " Cotler quoted the Prime Minister as saying.

" 'Canada will not be a safe haven for war criminals,' " Mulroney added.

Cotler told The CJN that in a recent address to the International Association of Lawyers, which represents 1 million lawyers worldwide, he told the conference the Canadian legislation sets an international precedent that reaches far beyond Canada. Cotler told the conference, which met recently in Quebec City and Montreal, that it marks "the first time any country passed *generic* war crimes legislation."

The law has the effect, he said, of deterring all war criminals, since those who come to Canada could subject themselves to criminal prosecution.

For Congress and B'nai B'rith, proclamation of the bill marks the successful culmination of years of effort to convince parliamentarians that action should be taken against Nazi war criminals.

They, along with two Ukrainian organizations, were represented before the Deschenes Inquiry, which investigated the presence in Canada of Nazi war criminals. And along with the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and individual Jews, they supplied information about suspected Nazis in Canada. The three groups urged the government to take action against war criminals.

Congress and B'nai B'rith provided briefs to the Commission which contradicted government lawyers' claims that no legal action could be taken against war criminals in Canada. Justice Deschenes accepted those arguments, which agree in large part with those of legal experts it commissioned to provide opinions as to available legal recourse against war criminals.

The Deschenes report advocated changes to the criminal law to allow for the prosecution of war criminals (as well as changes to extradition and immigration laws) and, in a secret portion of the report, Justice Deschenes named 20 suspects who warranted further investigation.

In the immediate aftermath of publication of the report, Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn accepted Deschenes' recommendation that the Criminal Code be amended. The Liberal and New Democratic parties agreed to allow swift, unopposed, passage of the legislation.

In late June, just prior to the Parliamentary summer recess, Hnaytyshn introduced the bill to amend the Code. However, two backbench Conservative MPs, representing ridings with substantial populations of East European descent, withheld their approval of the bill. Without the support of all MPs, the bill could not receive quick passage — which would allow it to bypass committee hearings — and it was withdrawn.

When Parliament reconvened, the bill was reintroduced. It passed through the parliamentary committee stage without amendment, and quickly received third reading. The Senate passed the bill shortly afterwards, and it was proclaimed law late last week

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The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What Hebrew greeting is used during Rosh Hashanah?
2. What is the essential ritual of Rosh Hashanah?
3. What is the total number of notes blown by the shofar on Rosh Hashanah?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. **Leshana Tova Tikatevu** ("May you be inscribed for a good year").
2. The sounding of the shofar.
3. 100 notes.

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These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Editorial

The days of awe

On the evening of Sept. 23 Jews all over the world will be ushering in the holiday of Rosh Hashanah. The festival and Yom Kippur are known in Jewish tradition as the "Yamim Nora'im" — the days of awe.

They are indeed awesome festivals, affording the penitent Jew the opportunity to engage in a Heshbon HaNefesh, an accounting of the soul before the Lord his Maker.

One should be careful, however, not to confuse solemnity with dreariness. The High Holidays are joyful events in which the Jew joins his friends and neighbors in public worship.

Judaism is not a religion which encourages morose introspection. Sacred tradition prefers action through the mitzvot, the divinely sanctioned pious deed.

It should be noted, moreover, that the liturgy of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, while allowing for individual petition and confession, is couched primarily in the first person plural. This is seen particularly in the "Al Het" prayers uttered on Yom Kippur. The use of "shehatanu"-"we have sinned," is no accident of syntax.

Thus even in the acknowledgement of sins, the Jew sees himself as part of the people of Israel. The High Holidays then represent an opportunity for camaraderie and fellowship — and for the contrite worship of the heart.

The Torah gives a hint of the power of congregational activity in the weekly portion "Nitzavim," one of the three last sections of the Book of Deuteronomy. This portion, read just before the holidays, is an excellent motif for the festival season.

There the Israelite nation is enjoined to stand before its divine king. The commentators observe that the use of the Hebrew verbal form Nitzavim (rather than the conventional "Omdim") conveys the idea that those who stand are understood to be ready to act decisively in serving the Lord of history.

The symbolism of that erect posture is an important one during the days of awe. In powerful devotion the Jew participates in the High Holiday worship, prepared to move to new plateaus of religious activity — in response to the call from on high and in consonance with his fellow worshippers.

We take this opportunity to wish the readers of The CJN a Shana Tova Tikatevu.

Papal encounter

The recent meetings between the Pope and representatives of major Jewish organizations during his visit to the United States was an important and positive event in Catholic-Jewish relations.

This does not mean, of course, that the encounter was totally satisfactory. The fact that Orthodox rabbinical groups stayed away from the discussions was unfortunate.

Again, the Pope's failure to express any contrition regarding his audience with Kurt Waldheim was disappointing. His insistence on coupling Palestinian aspirations for a homeland with an affirmation of Israel's rights was morally questionable.

From the historical perspective, however, there is much that is beneficial which flowed from the Pope's meetings with Jewish leaders.

The fact that a Jewish delegation was treated as equals in a dialogue with the Catholic Church is itself a major occurrence, given the melancholic record of the church in the past. The cordial and respectful treatment accorded the Jewish leaders was admirable.

It must also be noted that before the meetings Vatican diplomats tried to dissuade Jewish spokesmen from even raising the Waldheim issue. They refused this advice and challenged the Pope publicly on the issue. This candor in Catholic-Jewish relations is salutary.

The most significant development in the encounter, however, was the Pope's dwelling on the unique horrors of the Holocaust. Using the Hebrew word Shoah, he disarmed some critics (who have accused him of trying to universalize the tragedy of European Jewry), by pointing to a document which the Catholic Church is issuing spelling out the obligations of Catholics towards Jews in the wake of modern history.

The Pope's attitude towards the Jewish community dovetails with the church's attempts in the last two decades to mitigate the bitterness which has often characterized Catholic-Jewish relations.

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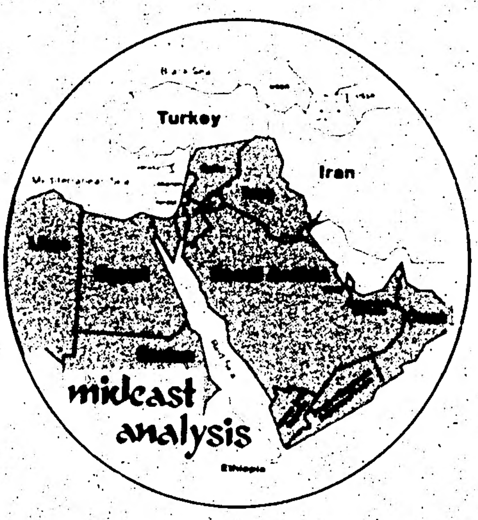
Co-production after Lavi's demise

Israel weighs F-16 proposal



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

With the termination of the Lavi, Israel and the U.S. have come full circle.

Ten years ago, Israel was in the market for new planes to revitalize its air force, which had been battered in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Israel had no problem replacing the 102 aircraft it had lost in that conflict. By 1977, the U.S. had delivered the replacement jets, mainly Phantoms and Skyhawks. But when Israel sought co-production rights from General Dynamics to produce the more advanced F-16, the Carter administration vetoed the plan.

Carter's rejection marked a turning point. No longer willing to be so dependent on the U.S., and anxious to strike a blow for Israeli technical ingenuity, the Israelis decided to build a homegrown plane, the Lavi, that would be a worthy successor to the Kfir.

Today, as the cancellation of the Lavi painfully sinks in, Israel is seriously considering the very proposal the U.S. would not hear of a decade ago — co-production of the F-16.

Although it will not save all the jobs that have disappeared as a result of the Lavi's demise, it will probably enable Israel to salvage what is left of its aviation industry. Israel will require an estimated 100 F-16s, and at about $15 million per unit, co-production rights will give the Israeli economy something of a boost.

More money for variety of vital projects

In an ironic twist, the axing of the Lavi will contribute to an increase in the real defence budget for the first time in two years because the army will have at its disposal an additional $200 to $300 million per year for domestic spending. These funds can be channeled into a variety of vital projects, including the further development of the Merkava tank. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim had promised Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin that if the Lavi were scrapped, his budget would not be cut.

The loss of the Lavi — a light multimission plane designed to penetrate enemy air space at low altitudes and strike at convoys, roads, airports and other targets — will not affect the air force, the strongest arm of the Israel Defence Forces. The F-16, which is highly regarded, is no worse than the Lavi. Furthermore, it is battle-tested, Israel having used F-16s in the 1981 bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor and in the 1982 Lebanon war.

The Lavi soaked up at least $1 million per day, and with its disappearance the air force will now be able to use some of these funds to further upgrade its aging Phantoms and enlarge and/or improve its fleet of helicopters and drones (pilotless planes.)

Apart from these factors, the Lavi would not have come off the production line until 1994, while the F-16 is available now. Moreover, the Lavi would have soaked up another $2 billion in development funds. And in terms of price per plane, the Lavi would have cost $7 million more than the F-16, no small consideration for a nation that lives on foreign aid.

The price of the Lavi would have dropped by a significant margin had the Israeli Air Force been prepared to buy 300 of them. However, by all accounts, the IAA needed no more than 100 Lavis.

The Lavi's premature death may also have been hastened by the perception that political complications could have interfered with its overseas marketing. Since many of its components, including its engine, were American, the U.S. would have had veto rights over the sale of Lavis to foreign customers. It will be recalled that President Jimmy Carter forbade Israel to market the Kfir to all countries but Ecuador, thereby dashing its chances of making the Kfir a sellable military export.

There is reason to believe that the U.S. aircraft industry lobbied against the Lavi, regarding it rather darkly as a competitor. Not surprisingly, the Pentagon consistently opposed the Lavi project.

Israel started work on the Lavi in 1980, but it was not till 1983 that the U.S. got involved. It is generally agreed that Moshe Arens, Israel's ambassador to the U.S. and later its minister of defence, was largely instrumental in persuading Secretary of State George Shultz and Congress to fund the Lavi.

U.S. companies given permission to get involved

In 1983, despite the misgivings of Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, the U.S. government granted American companies permission to get involved in the manufacture of the Lavi by Israel Aircraft Industries.

In the same year, the pro-Israel Congress passed an amendment earmarking $550 million of Israel's $1.7 billion military aid package for the Lavi. A year later, Congress allocated $1.3 billion for the jet through 1987.

But trouble loomed on the horizon. In 1984, the new deputy undersecretary of defence for planning and resources, Dov Zakheim, discovered that all the cost analyses on the Lavi were out of date. In 1986, after completing his own estimates, he shocked the Israelis by announcing that their figures were wrong. The Lavi, he said, would cost $22 million per plane, not $15 million. Zakheim, an Orthodox Jew, insisted that his estimates were conservative because they did not take into account such obvious factors as delays and inflation.

Zakheim had profound impact on program

Zakheim had a profound impact on the Lavi. He provided the Pentagon with data Israel Aircraft Industries could not refute. He shook George Shultz's confidence in the project. And finally, he swayed key Israelis who were in a position to stop it dead in its tracks.

The ill-fated Lavi

Moshe Levy, the former chief of staff, voiced fears that the Lavi would gut essential programs. Dan Shomron, his successor, expressed similar doubts.

In July, Yitzhak Rabin, an avid Lavi supporter, was told in no uncertain terms in talks with top Reagan administration officials that it had to go. Weinberger reportedly warned him that a decision by Israel to carry on with the Lavi would result in a refusal by the U.S. to allocate additional funds.

George Shultz was no less emphatic, referring to the current climate of budget-slashing on Capitol Hill. Rabin drew the appropriate conclusions. Since the U.S. was paying for much of the Lavi anyway, Israel had no choice but to pause for reflection.

Rabin, who once described the Lavi as "a national asset" and "an operational necessity," came out against the pet project. As he put it in a television address: "In the framework of the current budget, it is impossible to continue with the Lavi."

Moshe Nissim, the finance minister, and Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, also played influential roles in the downing of the Lavi.

While Nissim's Likud faction backed it right to the bitter end, he cast partisan politics aside and judged it on its intrinsic merits.

Peres, the former director-general of the defence ministry and the man who helped build the local aircraft industry, was passionately pro-Lavi until the Reagan administration turned on it. If he had not voted against the Lavi, the cabinet would have been deadlocked.

The Lavi affair is not over. The demonstrations by dismissed workers continued last week, and it will be some time before the project is actually wound down. But the Lavi, the wunderkind of Israeli technology, is dead, if not formally buried.

W. Germans comment on Waldheim

By
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Rabbi Plaut

Kurt von Waldheim is not one of the more exciting personalities around, but he has become the symbol of what someone has described as the after-birth of the Shoah. First he put the Vatican to the test; then Chancellor Helmut Kohl of the German Federal Republic received him, and that visit has occasioned many Germans to express their views about the underlying issues.

Der Spiegel, which is West Germany's equivalent of Time Magazine, recently published a spate of letters to the editor which addressed themselves to l'affaire Waldheim. They throw a fascinating light on the current state of the writers and their assessment of the presence of anti-semitism. Here are some letters:

From Bavaria: "Why should Austrians alone draw a lesson from their past, when Germans themselves are not ready to do so . . .?"

From Wuerttemberg: "If Waldheim has rescued but an ounce of responsibility from his time as secretary-general of the UN, he should at once do everything in his power to stem the rising tide of anti-semitism in his country and do so insistently and so loudly that no one could fail to hear him."

From Berlin: "As a young man I was present when the persecution of the Jews began, and I can only say that what happens now is uncomfortably similar. It is devastating to note what human beings are up to. As a non-Jew I'm scared stiff."

From Bad Nauheim: "Adorno (Theodor Adorno, famous social scientist) once said that if there were no Jews the anti-semites would invent them. That works also in reverse. If there were no longer any anti-semites a man like Bronfman (Edgar Bronfman, president of World Jewish Congress) could always be found who . . . makes reconciliation impossible. Anyone who has any kind of knowledge would know that a first lieutenant on the staff of an army unit (like Waldheim during the war) was only an insignificant little fish."

From Langen: "It seems to me that Waldheim could have been defeated in the last elections only by an even greater Austrian, who to be sure has been dead since 1945 (i.e., Hitler)."

From Hamburg: "Well, you see, that's the way the Jews are. Not only do they offend the anti-semitic feelings of their Austrian fellow citizens in the most shameless fashion, but some of them insist on calling a liar a liar and a pig a pig. What lack of gratitude at a time when people had generously begun to forgive them for Auschwitz."

From Heikendorf: "When will the Austrians begin to understand that world opinion has long ago abandoned the view of Austria as "gemuetlich" (homey) and now sees the republic as an old-fashioned witches' cauldron? Why don't they make Waldheim into 'Baldheim' (soon back home) and send him back to his hometown Braunau (which was also Hitler's birth place)?"

When one reads the variety of letters (of which the above is only a portion) one sees clearly that, while anti-semitism is, in the view of the writers, alive and well in Germany and particularly in Austria, there are also vocal Germans who recognize the disease for what it is and are eager to expose it. That, above all, is the feeling which emerges from these selections which the editors of Der Spiegel have set before us.

Global scene in disarray

Little to cheer about in past year

By
J. B. SALSBERG

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Traditionally, Rosh Hashanah, the new year according to the Jewish calendar, is a time for personal and community stock-taking, for a sober and objective review of one's deeds and, heaven forbid, misdeeds and to draw appropriate conclusions that will guide the individual, as well as the collective, in the new year. This being the Rosh Hashanah issue of this paper, it would seem more than appropriate to take a Jewish look at ourselves, the world Jewish community, and to draw some conclusions.

But, sorry as I may be, I must confess that I find little cheer in our overall world experience during the past year. Indeed, I see much to disturb our minds and to sadden our spirits. At the end of this Jewish year I see our global scene in considerable disarray; a year in which our major concerns have not advanced towards satisfactory solutions; a year that often reminded me of the legendary Tower of Babel (Dor Haphlugeh) when people failed to understand each other . . . .

In voicing this pessimistic view I am, of course, not unmindful of the positive achievements in the past year of a large number of Jewish individuals and even some regional Jewish communities. But in this yearly overview I must focus on the total, the global scene of world Jewry and, most particularly, on Israel, the Jewish state, on whose evolution almost everything affecting the future of our peoplehood will depend. From this viewpoint the overall picture of the outgoing year is an unhappy one. Let's see:

The demographic picture of world Jewry is a disturbing one. **The world Jewish population, according to an Israeli study, declined by 1 million since 1970!** When one recalls that before the Hitler war world Jewry was estimated to be around 18 million, the present estimation of 12,881,000 is positively shocking. And, when one reads the projections of U.S. Jewish sociologists and demographers of the declining population trends among American Jews, then the picture, is an alarming one.

As for the present Israeli picture it is, to say the least, a most disturbing one. Political cynicism and opportunism cannot but undermine the moral fibre of its population. The field that is occupied by Israel's Orthodoxy resembles a war zone in which the several sectors of our Orthodoxy are at war with each other. It achieves a modicum of unity only when challenging the secular sector — the majority of Israel's population — or the non-Orthodox sectors of religious Jewry — the Conservative and Reform streams of the religious Jewish world.

The condition of the third largest Jewish sector in the world, that of the approximately 2 million Jews in the Soviet Union, remains basically unchanged, despite the minuscule increase in the granting of exit visas to a few thousand Soviet Jews — a tiny percentage of the 400,000 who hold visas to enter Israel.

In the meantime there isn't a single Jewish school of any sort in the whole of the Soviet Union, with the exception of the few "illegal" privately conducted, tiny classes operated by a small band of brave Refuseniks.

What will happen to the majority of Russian Jews who, for one reason or another, cannot or will not leave the country of their birth? So far world Jewry has not taken up the challenge to Soviet authorities to grant its Jewish citizens the right and the opportunity to inaugurate a Jewish educational system to be operated by them locally and nationally. It isn't too much to ask but it is enormously important to do so and to do so with vigor and determination before it is too late.

At home, in Canada, the overall condition of our relatively small Jewish community is more satisfying than in most other Jewish centres. This, in my view, is due mainly to the existence of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the umbrella organization of Canadian Jewry, which unites almost every sector of the Jewish population and makes possible short- and long-term planning for the spiritual, cultural and social needs of our population. There are shortcomings here also, but they are not of crisis proportions. We, in Canada, are significantly influenced by developments in the largest and, geographically, the closest Jewish community in the world — the 6-million-strong Jewish community in the United States. And, sorry to say, not everything that happens there is worthy of imitation.

In conclusion? The past year was, in my view, not a cheerful one and not one that deserves to be celebrated. The passing of the year is not to be regretted. May the new year be a more promising and a more cheerful one. Amen.

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But, let's conclude with the traditional greetings: Shana Tova . . . a satisfying New Year to all of you and to all yours.

Only books' dedications are ready

By
ELAINE KAHN

The overwhelming sense of hurry this time of the year arises not just from needing to make sure all the shopping is done and meals prepared before Yom Tov starts. We are propelled now by the desire to make everything come out right before it's all sealed up for another year. And we rush also, I am sure, from the heightened awareness, repeated uncomfortably often during services, that not all our loved ones will be around same time next year.

These are the days when I most wish I had spent the past year finally completing and publishing at least one of the books I have envisioned or am working on. Not so much for the fame, fortune and glory (not that I'd throw any of them out of bed, so to speak), but because it means yet another year gone by when I have not published a book dedication.

Why else do writers write, but to say to the world: "For Boopsie with love for her help, for giving me children and for not laughing while I learned to sew on buttons?"

There was one certainty in my adolescence — that I would dedicate my first book to my father "for not pushing obnoxiously to make me a lawyer, with love and thanks." But now I'm not so sure how to get a dedication to either of my parents down to such a brief space. So, at this time of the year, I prefer to hope that I have lots of time left with them to figure it all out.

My maternal grandparents, who have, in their own way, been two of my biggest supporters, deserve a dedication thanking them for loving me without conditions. My paternal grandmother merits the honor, on the other hand, for being an impossibly menschlech act to follow. Because it is unlikely I will ever have two books appearing simultaneously, it is probably better to skip the grandparents and avoid causing jealousy.

I have no such problems with siblings — I have only one. Shel and I go through life densely entangled in each other's emotional, if not daily, lives, and the only dedication that has ever come to mind for her is, "To my sister, who has given me so much !!!!!!!!!!!!!, with love." This would not sit well with her and using it would not be worth the tzores. What would fly better would be a dedication to her son: "To my nephew Daniel, for teaching me that love without responsibility can, despite what they tell you in high school, be wonderful."

"To my sister-in-law Cyrel for being Auntie Mame to my kids" wouldn't work, because Cyrel shies from the limelight and I could, God forbid, mistakenly put this one on a best seller.

It's nice to dream. That's what these next few weeks are about, in some way — resolving to turn good dreams into better realities. You might try the book dedication game yourself, in the unlikely event your mind wanders at shul.

"To Sara and Rachel, for making me a Mummy and pushing me towards optimism."

"To Larry, because."

HARBINGER OF FALL

Two-year-old Ruti examines a "hazav," a plant which is a harbinger of the fall season in Israel. It makes its appearance in the hills of Samaria when the worst heat of the summer is over — and the past summer was one of the hottest in years! [IPPA photo]

Legislation to allow prosecution of war criminals

The year 5747 saw release of Deschenes report . . .

By
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What will be remembered about the year 5747?

Iranscam, glasnost, Deschenes, Pollard, Demjanjuk, Shin Bet-Nafsu trial, Israel's disunited "unity government," Who is a Jew, shmitta year, AIDS, Zundel, Vanunu, Klaus Barbie — it was a year of coverups, secret reports, spy thrillers, scandal, Nazi war criminals, refugees, religious strife and increased emigration from Soviet Russia.

But despite the intrigue and deception, Canadian Jews made great strides — contributing to the Canadian society, the State of Israel, and to their brethren in the Soviet Union and around the world.

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As the new year began, the long-awaited Deschenes Commission's report on Nazi war criminals was postponed for the fourth time because of translation and printing difficulties. The Deschenes Commission was set up by the federal government early in 1985 to investigate whether there are war criminals in Canada, how they entered, and what legal means exist to deal with them. The report was to be presented late in 1985.

In February of this year, an ad headed "Protect the Innocent" placed in The Globe and Mail by a coalition of predominantly Eastern groups warned against the creation of a special Nazi-hunting agency in Canada. In an editorial, the Globe challenged the major assertions stated in the ad noting that "the advertisers are themselves culpable of disinformation." The coalition has reversed its stand.

The federal government asked Quebec Superior Court Justice Jules Deschenes to revise his 1,200-page report which contains a case-by-case description of more than 800 investigations undertaken by the Commission. Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn said the changes "will not affect the salient features of the report. It is a question of removing details which may identify individuals."

When the report was presented this spring, Hnatyshyn agreed to the Commission's recommendation that the Criminal Code be employed to prosecute war criminals in Canada, but he rejected two key recommendations — to beef up the laws to remove citizenship and to facilitate extradition of suspects.

The Deschenes report is an overwhelming volume of evidence that there are "perhaps" war criminals in this country. Among the major recommendations are the immediate prosecution of 20 suspected war criminals and further investigation of 218 others.

Major Jewish organizations applauded Hnatyshyn for introducing a bill to allow for prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada and they urged the government and opposition parties to pass the legislation prior to Parliament's summer recess in July. Without unanimous approval of all MPs, the bill would have to go through committee hearings.

Hnatyshyn was forced to withdraw the bill at the last minute, despite the fact that he had obtained an all-party agreement to speed its passage through the House.

Two backbenchers, Conservative MPs Andrew Witer (Toronto Parkdale-High Park) and Alex Kindy (Calgary East) both of whom have sizeable East European population in their ridings said they would not consent to the legislation as it stood. However, in the special summer session of Parliament, called to deal with immigration, the bill came up again, was passed and is now law.

But just before the law was passed, a previously secret report prepared by an Ottawa researcher, Alti Rodal, for the Deschenes Commission, was obtained by The Toronto Star under the Access to Information Act. The 600-page report revealed that Nazi war criminals were allowed into Canada after World War II because the United States lied to the Canadian government about their status.

Rodal's document reveals that as late as 1983, two alleged Nazi war criminals, one a member of the elite SS guard, were permitted to enter Canada because a senior member of the RCMP believed the war crimes issue was no longer relevant. Their entry was facilitated by the destruction of files and a disregard for regulations by other officials "whose sympathies inclined them towards leniency" with regard to alleged Nazis.

In January, convicted Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel was back on stage as the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned the lower court's conviction because of "errors during the course of the trial and in the (trial judge's) charge to the jury."

In 1986, after an 8-week trial under Section 177 of the Criminal Code on a charge of "spreading false news" about the Holocaust through his Samisdat publishing house, Zundel was sentenced to 15 months in jail and three years probation.

ANGRY WORKERS from Israel Aircraft Industries blow the shofar to protest the Israel government's decision to kill the Lavi jet aircraft project. [IPPA photo]

Representatives of Jewish groups met with Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott to request that legal action continue against Zundel. In a unanimous 5-man decision, the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned Zundel's conviction and a new trial has been ordered for later in the year.

The news was welcomed by Jewish community leaders. "Anti-semitism must be put out of business," was the response of Rose Wolfe, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region's Joint Community Relations Committee.

In February, Zundel filed hundreds of pages of documents, charging Sol Littman with spreading false information. In a second attempt, Zundel accused Littman, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, of initiating false statements that Nazi war criminals living in Canada "may number up to 3,000."

Zundel's application was rejected by a Toronto justice of the peace. Zundel said he may appeal the ruling. Littman commented that Zundel's charge is "so ridiculous, so silly, it doesn't merit a response."

Sabina Citron, a co-founder of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, who originally laid the charges against Zundel, stormed off the Toronto-based phone-in program Radio Noon while it was still being aired. Only after her arrival at the studio did she discover that Zundel was to be permitted free radio time on the show.

In Edmonton, the two women who effectively blew the whistle on the anti-semitic teaching of Jim Keegstra, Margaret Andrews and Susan Maddox of Eckville, Alta., were honored by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO at its national executive meeting in October.

Keegstra, who is on probation, is appealing his conviction and a $5,000 fine for wilfully promoting hatred against Jews while he was a teacher in Eckville, a small community near Red Deer in Alberta. His lawyer, Doug Christie, said that history shows that "hatred can be justified," citing the example of Martin Luther's arguments against the Catholic Church in the 16th century.

The Crown has asked for a stiffer penalty. The Alberta Court of Appeal reserved judgment.

In August, Keegstra was elected interim leader of the federal Social Credit Party. The deposed former leader of the party, Rev. Harvey Lainson, announced that he refuses to give up his position and demanded that Keegstra be banished from the party.

In New Brunswick, retired chemistry professor Julius Israeli, who has been trying to bring charges against Malcom Ross since 1978 "for promoting hatred against the Jews," lodged a new complaint in March.

Israeli argues that Ross, a junior high school teacher in Moncton and author of booklets alleging a worldwide Jewish conspiracy and denying the Holocaust happened, should be charged under Section 281.2(2) of the Criminal Code, the section dealing with hate propaganda.

A report by Moncton School Board District 15, exonerating Ross, was called "a coverup" by Israeli.

School Trustee Audrey Lampert, the only Jewish member of the 11-person board, voted against the exoneration motion. NB Attorney-General David Clark announced in April that the province "would not prosecute Ross" because there was insufficient evidence.

But Israeli refuses to give up. He calls the decision "a dark blot on the government and people of New Brunswick — a licencing of anti-semitism." In May, the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada joined Israeli in his battle against Ross. The delegates at the conference, representing 115,000 people, unanimously approved a resolution which asked that Ross be investigated for allegedly spreading anti-semitism and racism in the classroom.

In November, the Canadian director of Jews for Jesus, Steve Cohen, warned that his conviction for trespassing at York University in Toronto for distributing his group's literature without the university's permission, has "broad, sweeping implications" for all groups wanting to freely express their beliefs.

Cohen, who is not a student at York, said he had constitutional rights to be at the university, but Provincial Court Judge Thomas Mercer said he could not find any evidence that York is a public place.

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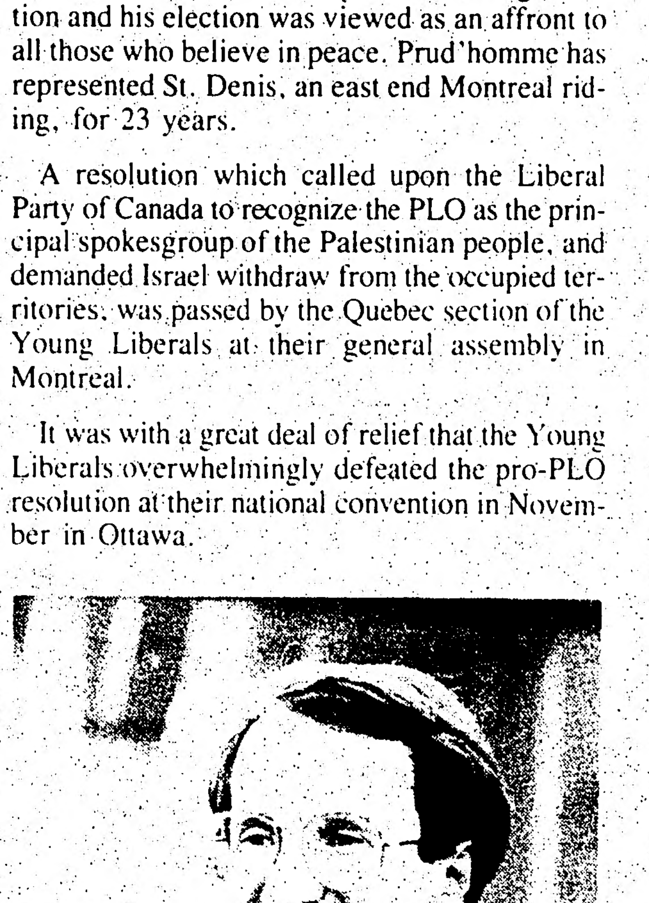
In the political arena, the Jewish community, as well as many Gentiles, reacted with dismay at the election of Marcel Prud'homme to the post of chairman of the Liberal Party caucus. He's a supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization and his election was viewed as an affront to all those who believe in peace. Prud'homme has represented St. Denis, an east end Montreal riding, for 23 years.

A resolution which called upon the Liberal Party of Canada to recognize the PLO as the principal spokesgroup of the Palestinian people, and demanded Israel withdraw from the occupied territories, was passed by the Quebec section of the Young Liberals at their general assembly in Montreal.

It was with a great deal of relief that the Young Liberals overwhelmingly defeated the pro-PLO resolution at their national convention in November in Ottawa.



IT WAS THE END of a 32-year era for Toronto's Grossman family when Larry Grossman lost the St. Andrew-St. Patrick Toronto riding in the Ontario Legislature which he had held for 12 years, and his father Allan, for 20 years before that. (Allan beat out J.B. Salsberg who had held the seat for several years). Larry, who was leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, said he would resign the leadership as a result of the party's performance in the recent provincial elections.

B'nai B'rith issued a warning that "right-wing extremist" Lyndon LaRouche and his followers were making political inroads in Canada and have run candidates in five provinces. They accused LaRouche and his followers of being racist and anti-Zionist and their anti-semitism only thinly disguised.

In May, provincial attorneys-general were asked to crack down on the activities of the Canadian organization affiliated with the U.S.-based ultra right-wing fringe group led by LaRouche. Followers of LaRouche have formed the Party for the Commonwealth of Canada.

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Senior officials of Canadian Jewish Congress expressed their concern over the government's handling of the refugee status determination. The proposed legislation to curb abuse of the refugee system evokes memories of the 1930s when the doors were shut on Jews fleeing Nazi persecution, said CJC president Dorothy Reitman.

David Matas, legal counsel for B'nai B'rith, called upon the government to withdraw Bill C-55.

The 174 East Indians who landed in Canada on July 12 led the federal government to recall Parliament to pass tougher refugee rules. The government wants the right to detain migrants deemed a security threat and to deport them even before their appeals are heard by the Federal Court of Canada. The bill beefs up fines for convicted smugglers to $500,000 and provides up to 10 years in prison. The bill passed and is being considered by the Senate.

Jewish leaders, church, legal and human rights groups across Canada criticized the government's "hysterical over-reaction" but agreed that immigration law changes are needed to deal fairly with refugees.

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Israel Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin, who has retired from the foreign ministry with the completion of his post in Canada, was replaced by Israel's new ambassador to Canada, Israel Gur-Arieh. The career ambassador who was born in Romania, was previously posted in New York and Buenos Aires and for the past three years he held the position of deputy director-general in charge of Latin American Affairs.

Also on the Canadian scene, Charles Bronfman, co-chairman of Seagram Co. Ltd., established a new foundation. The CRB Foundation (Bronfman's initials) was founded to help heal the rifts between different segments of world Jewry, and to build a stronger bond between Jews in Israel and the Diaspora.

The relationship between Israel and the Diaspora is a major concern of the World Zionist Congress which is held every four years or so. The traditionally modest interest in Canada in the election was catapulted into a full-blown election for the Canadian Zionist Federation prior to the 31st Zionist Congress in Israel in December 1987.

Elections were last held 12 years ago. Kadima, the Reform Zionist organization, spearheaded by Toronto's Rabbi Dow Marmur, the senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple who heads Kadima, pressed for an election by ballot, open to all CZF members. Nine Zionist groups competed in the election for representation on the 19-person Canadian delegation.

Religious issues seemed to dominate the voting. The main purpose of Kadima and Mercaz (Conservative), said Norma Rubin, the secretary of the Canadian Council of Conservative Judaism, was the disestablishment of fundamentalist Orthodoxy and the institution of a free and open competition between various religious denominations.

There was a vote of just over 25% from a total of 64,551 ballots mailed out across the country. Canada's 19 seats are distributed as follows: United Torah Coalition, 5; Kadima, 4; Labor Zionist Movement of Canada, 3; Mercaz Canada, 2; Zionist Organization of Canada, 2; Federation of United Zionists, 1; Canadians for Progressive Israel-Friends of Pioneering Israel, 1; and Herut Canada-Tehiya Canada, 1.

Under the terms of an agreement signed three years ago, Neri Bloomfield stepped down as president of the Canadian Zionist Federation in March, succeeded by David Azrieli. They decided to rotate the presidency rather than run against each other in the spring of 1984 — about a month before Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir hit on the same idea.

As delegates prepared for the convention in Israel, they learned that World Zionist Organization chairman and Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin would not seek re-election at the Congress in December.

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Not to anyone's surprise, Ontario's Liberal Premier David Peterson called an election.

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Jewish PC Party leader leaves politics

. . . and defeat for Grossman in Ontario election

לא חרבה ירושלים אלא מפני שחיללו בה את השבת
מר שמיר: עדי אינו שולט
כאחראי על תיק הפנים, בירושלים.
ירושלים עיר השלום

"JERUSALEM FELL when Jews began to desecrate the Shabbat" says the placard seen in photo as ultra-Orthodox Jews protest the showing of movies on Friday night in Jerusalem. [IPPA photo]

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There were 17 Jewish candidates including eight Jewish women seeking political office. It was Progressive Conservative Larry Grossman's first campaign since becoming the party leader. Grossman was out to recapture the comfortable majority that his party enjoyed until the election in May, 1985, when the PCs had 72 of the 125 seats, which was reduced to 52 seats allowing the Liberals and NDP to hammer out an historic accord. But he failed in his mission, lost his own seat in Toronto and resigned as leader.

A hot issue in the campaign was government funding to Jewish and separate schools. Earlier in the year, lawyer John I. Laskin, representing the CJC and speaking on behalf of independent and Christian schools in Ontario, argued that these groups were entitled under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to receive equal benefits to Catholic schools.

Early in the year, Congress, along with 13 other groups, including some that oppose its position, was presenting its position in light of an Ontario Court of Appeal decision which upheld the validity of Bill 30, the controversial legislation that extends public funding to grades 11-13 of Catholic schools.

In a 7-0 decision, the court ruled that the provisions of the Charter do not override the constitutional bargain arrived at in 1867. CJC expressed its disappointment in the Supreme Court of Canada's decision. Ontario Region chairman Charles Zaionz said the court had not dealt with the CJC submission for funding Jewish schools.

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Both CJC and B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights renewed their efforts for equality for observant Jewish retailers in light of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision to uphold the Ontario Retail Business Holidays Act restricting Sunday shopping.

Passed more than two years ago, Bill 59 allows Jews who close their stores on Saturday to be open on Sunday. But they must have no more than seven salespersons on duty at any one time and an area open to the public of less than 5,000 square feet.

After a long battle in the courts on charges that he violated the Sunday closing law, Toronto furrier Paul Magder won his battle to be designated "essential for the maintenance or development of a tourist industry."

The year also brought increased concern for seniors. Ontario added $14.3 million for nursing homes; an extended Bill of Rights for the residents of Ontario nursing homes was passed to protect "the physical, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual needs of its residents;" and government committees placed the fragmentation of health care services on the front burner.

There was confusion and discord in the religious community as a campaign was launched to challenge the eruv which allows observant Jews in Toronto to carry a limited number of things on the Sabbath.

Benjamin Abileah, a career diplomat who joined the Israeli foreign ministry 25 years ago in Cyprus, the Philippines and in Washington, took up his post as consul-general in Toronto in March.

And the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto is in high-gear for the celebration of its 80th anniversary.

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In Montreal, the new year opened with Canadian Jewish Congress' national headquarters, Samuel Bronfman House, in financial difficulties with over $212,000 owing in back taxes retroactive to 1983. CJC was able to forestall the sale of its national headquarters and is waiting for a reasssessment. It is examining its options, such as an appeal in court.

As well, the YM-YWHA of Montreal received assessments for property taxes dating back to 1983 which they have been fighting. Neither organization had been paying taxes, believing they were exempt as non-profit organizations.

To add to the community's woes, there was a proposed resolution to close the United Talmud Torah's French section in Snowdon because of a projected $300,000 deficit for the 1986-87 school year, but the board of UTT decided to keep the elementary school open next year. The UTT celebrated its 90th anniversary in April.

Michael Cutler, 27, an art teacher let go by Montreal's Bialik High School in 1983, sued his former employer for $95,000 in damages in Quebec Superior Court, claiming he lost his job because he belonged to an evangelical Christian group. Cutler lost his case against the school and the court ruled that Bialik acted within its rights in not renewing his contract after a 2-year probationary period and that he had not been a victim of discrimination because of religious practice.

And Chalom Schirman succeeded Yakov Aviad as the new consul-general in Montreal.

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Reports indicate that anti-semitic vandalism against Jews worldwide has dropped. While the number of recorded anti-semitic incidents in Canada declined last year, a 3-year study by B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights indicates that prejudice against Jews is significantly high.

Of the 95 incidents last year, 83 took place in the metropolitan areas of Montreal and Toronto. Overall, the survey found anti-Jewish feeling is much higher in Quebec, particularly among the francophones and the less educated.

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For those who like political thrillers and Grade B spy stories, American television provided a great season of who-done-its, and who-knew-about it.

Jews breathed a sigh of relief as the House select committees ended 13 weeks of public hearings that began in May on the Iran-Contra affair. The hearings which were filled with political intrigue and statements-followed-by-denials, confirmed that Israel had proposed to the Reagan administration that it seek an opening to the moderates in Iran through a covert operation to sell U.S. arms to Iran.

But there was no evidence that Israel knew anything about the diversion of profits to the Central American Contras from the arms sale to Iran, which could have seriously hurt Israel with the pro-Israel Congress.

To muddy the waters more between the United States and Israel, the Jonathan Pollard spy case moved into the headlines. Pollard, 32, a Jew, a former U.S. Navy civilian intelligence analyst pleaded guilty to espionage charges and spying for Israel. His wife, Anne Henderson Pollard pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of conspiring to receive embezzled government property.

Pollard claimed that he was not spying against the U.S. but that the information he passed on to Israel involved only Arab threats facing Israel. He added that by strengthening Israel he was also indirectly strengthening America, since Israel is a friendly ally.

Israel's official statement was that Pollard was part of an unauthorized rogue operation.

Pollard was sentenced to life imprisonment by a federal court for spying for Israel, and his wife was sentenced to five years as an accessory. The Pollard case had produced criticism in Israel and discomfort for American Jews.

The Israeli cabinet and a Knesset subcommittee are conducting separate investigations to determine their government's role in the Pollard case and who authorized the recruitment of Pollard as a spy for Israel.

On a happier note, the outcome of the mid-term congressional elections in the U.S. delighted American Jews. The "even more" pro-Israel Congress than the previous one, and the success of the Democrats, who regained control of the Senate after a 6-year lapse, portends well for Israel.

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The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the prestigious Peace Prize to Elie Wiesel for his unceasing efforts on behalf of human dignity. Two Jewish scientists, Dr. Rita Levy-Montalcini and Dr. Stanley Cohen, shared a Nobel Prize in physiology for their contributions to the study of cell growth and tissue development.

Career diplomat Moshe Arad, the ambassador to Mexico who served in the New York consulate and Washington embassy, succeeded Ambassador Meir Rosenne as ambassador to the United States.

And a jury in Mobile, Alabama struck a blow against organized racism in the U.S. when the United Klans of America was held responsible for the death of a 19-year-old Black teenager. They were fined $7 million — the first time a Klan group has received such a penalty.

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As the new year dawned in Israel, Shamir and Peres switched jobs according to the Labor-Likud rotation of power agreement. Upon the formation of the national unity government on Sept. 14, 1984, Shamir assumed the position of vice-premier and minister of foreign affairs for the first 25 months of the term of the 22nd government and Shimon Peres led the government.

And as Shamir began his term as Prime Minister, he was confronted with a list of overwhelming problems including: religious-secular confrontation, the economic situation, immigration, relations with the West Bank and Jordan, yerida, the Lavi (Israel's jet fighter), normalization with Egypt and the threat from Syria.

The unity coalition government tottered on the brink of dissolution as the Labor Party campaigned for an early election because it couldn't get sufficient support in cabinet for an international peace conference which Shamir and the Likud are blocking.

Throughout a crisis-ridden year, the opinion polls indicated that Israelis opposed an early election, and if an election were held, the votes would give neither party a decisive majority and the present stalemate would continue.

Thoughts of an election died in May as an accord was signed by the Likud and Shas Parties. Shamir's Likud Party agreed to undertake legislation within 60 days to amend the 1927 Religion Conversion Ordinance to provide that all conversions carried out abroad must be approved by the Chief Rabbinate in Israel to be valid there. In exchange, Shas promised to oppose an early election.

Festering religious issues continue to plague the country. Conversions and the "Who is a Jew" issue dominate the society flowing out to the Diaspora. Several Israeli ministers resigned accusing Reform Judaism of "destroying Israel" and claiming that Reform conversion was the "greatest tragedy which has befallen the people of Israel."

A UJA delegation led by national chairman Martin Stein told the Premier that the issue must be resolved by religious leaders of various denominations and not by politicians. This is the first time that the non-political UJA, the main fund raising organ of American Jewry, had confronted the Premier so forthrightly on the Who is a Jew issue.

As the Knesset rose for its summer recess from its stormy summer session which was suffused with political tension, an election had been averted but the Likud failed to push through the amendment to the Law of Return promised to Shas.

In August, a delegation of five North American Jewish leaders, Shoshana Cardin, the president of the Council of Jewish Federations, Carmi Schwartz, the executive vice-president of CJF, Martin Stein, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of the United States, Donald Carr, honorary legal counsel, United Israel Appeal of Canada, and Walter Hess, executive vice-president of the UIA of Canada, met with Shamir, Foreign Minister Peres and 20 Knesset members for a 3-day visit to dissuade the Israeli government from amending the Who is a Jew law. They reported that their delegation had "a successful" mission.

While Peres was meeting with heads of state discussing a Middle East peace conference and how it might be organized, Shamir flatly rejected the idea. He urged Egypt to convince Arab countries to enter into direct negotiations with Israel without the participation of the PLO. Shamir said that such a conference which Peres is promoting would be tantamount to "national suicide" and "a loss of our independence and sovereignty."

Israelis expressed outrage over the reported execution of three Lebanese Jews held hostage by an extremist Shiite group.

Five years after the invasion of Lebanon, Israel is again preoccupied with its northern border. Syrian forces were deployed on the outskirts of Sidon, the furthest south they have been since 1982. Peres described this as a "vulgar intervention," but remained remarkably mute about Syria's action.

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Amidst tight censorship, the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service, became embroiled in a scandal that sent an Israel Defence Forces officer to prison for treason. Former Lieut. Azzat Nafsu, from a Moslem minority from the Circasion village of Kafr Kamma, who was sentenced to 18 years in prison and reduced in rank to private, maintained his innocence and contended that he was railroaded on false evidence and forced to

SHIMON PERES seems to be applauding the mid-term changeover from his term as Prime Minister to Yitzhak Shamir. But it hasn't been a very happy switch. [WZPS photo]

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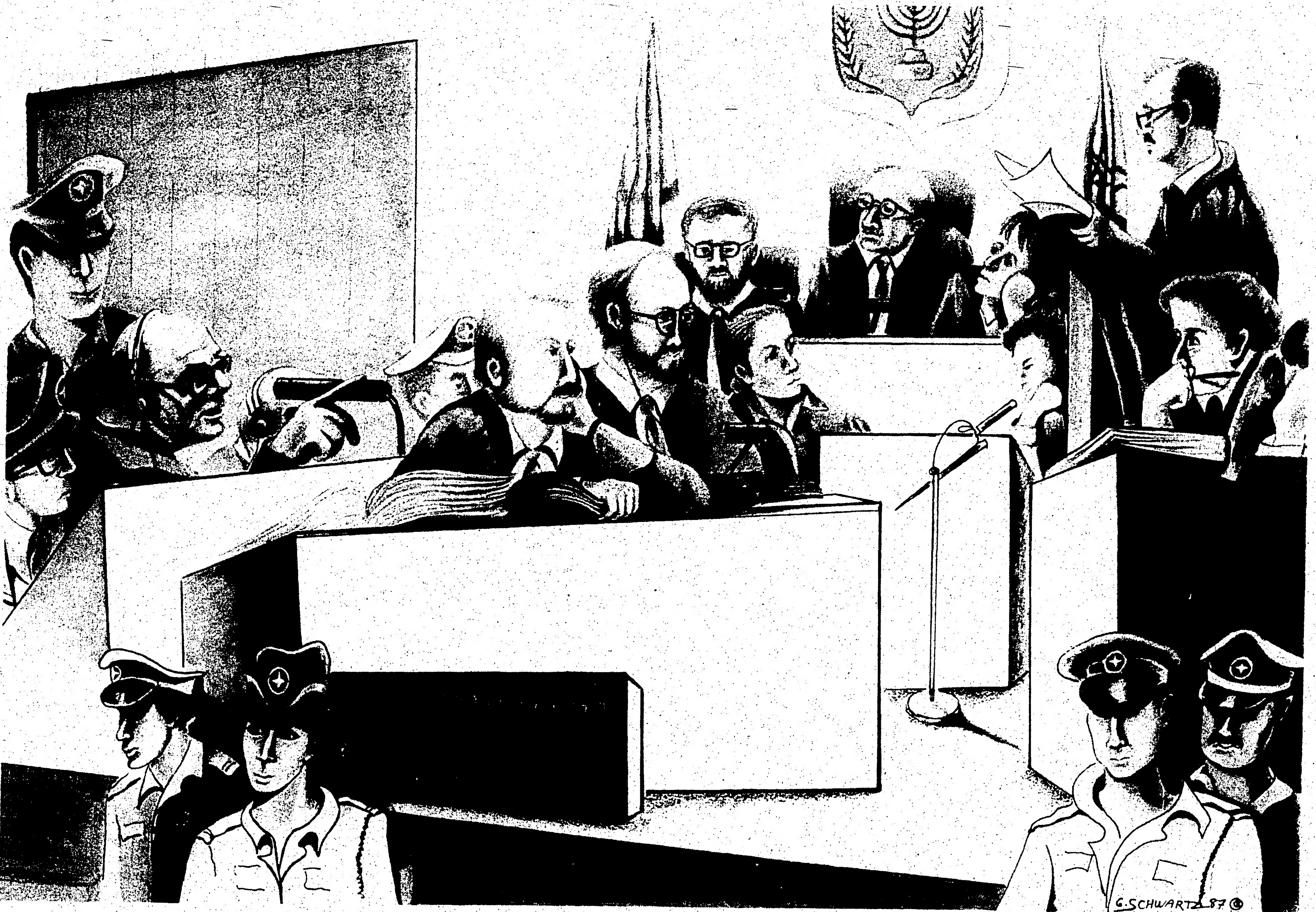

THE DEMJANJUK TRIAL has been a major attraction for tourists in Jerusalem during the past few months. Toronto artist Gail Schwartz, who was in Israel this summer, did this black and white ink painting of the trial in action. The original art is 15 inches by 10 inches on hi-art illustration board.

Demjanjuk goes to trial

Jury finds Klaus Barbie guilty of war crimes . . .

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confess under coercion by his Shin Bet interrogators.

Nafsu refused a government proposal to make a deal which included his pledge not to press charges against his Shin Bet investigators, and his appeal to the Supreme Court led to his acquittal after spending seven years in prison. He received a hero's welcome on his return to his home village.

In a dark moment for Israel, the Military Judge Advocate who represented the state admitted in court that the Shin Bet had employed illegal interrogation methods against Nafsu, and that its agents had lied about these methods to the military courts which tried him.

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The Vanunu affair brought more embarrassment for Israel. A sensational series of events took place following a front page account in the Sunday Times of London of Israel's nuclear arsenal based on top secret information acquired from Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility and a recent convert to Christianity.

Enticed out of London by a chubby but attractive blond named Cindy who was employed by the Mossad, and lured into a yacht which was intercepted in international waters by a Mossad vessel, Vanunu was brought back to Israel to stand trial. A week later, he pleaded not guilty to charges of treason and espionage. The trial is in progress.

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The testing of Israel's second generation jet fighter plane the Lavi (Hebrew for lion) continued with great success, despite uncertainty about its future due to U.S. objections that it costs too much — $2.8 billion — of which more than $1.5 billion was spent on development costs. Under U.S. pressure, the Israeli cabinet finally cancelled the project.

The cabinet approved a new economic program to stimulate economic growth and stability — a 10% devaluation of the shekel, a 400-million shekel reduction in the national budget, some minor tax reforms and a new levy on education. In April, the Central Bureau's data confirmed that Israel's economy was "booming." As well, the Employment Service noted that the number of unemployed that week was the lowest since 1984.

But the statistics on Israelis emigrating to the U.S. and Canada are alarming. An absorption ministry report indicates that 19% of Israelis in the 18-29 age group are likely to emigrate. In July, it was reported that more than 400,000 have emigrated abroad and, according to the report, about 15,000 Israelis leave the country every year.

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Throughout the year, the media echoed ongoing acts of violence and conflicts between Arabs and Jews, and ultra-religious and secular Jews. As the year began, two local residents were stabbed in Ashkelon within two weeks, a grenade attack near the Western Wall killed one man and 69 soldiers and civilians were wounded; an Egged bus bombing in Jerusalem killed six people and injured 50; 17 were injured in an explosion outside the Damascus Gate of Jerusalem's Old City, there was violence by Druze on the Golan Heights, tensions, curfews and the closure of Arab campuses on the West Bank, threats of riots and violence at Temple Mount's Dome of the Rock, the murder of a 22-year-old yeshiva student — and the list goes on and on.

Demanding equal rights, hundreds of thousands of Israeli Arabs carried out a countrywide general strike in June causing a 1-day nationwide stoppage that passed quietly, unlike such demonstrations in 1976 and 1982.

On the brighter side:

- Israel celebrates its 40th year, the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the 100th birthday of David Ben-Gurion, the key figure in Israel's fight for independence.
- The Israel Defence Forces has its first woman general, Amira Dotan, who was promoted to the rank of tat-aluf (brigadier-general).
- Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, the new Israeli minister of health is the first woman in an Israeli cabinet since Golda Meir.
- Mahmud Fawzi became the first Egyptian to receive a degree from an Israeli educational institution. Fawzi received an MSc. at the Weizmann Institute.
- Shifa El-Houzayil became the first female Bedouin student to graduate from an Israeli university. She completed her course of studies at Ben-Gurion University's department of social work.
- Hanna Sinior, an Arab editor from East Jerusalem, announced his plan to run for city council.
- An Israeli Arab was appointed consul-general in Atlanta, Georgia. Muhammad Masaraa, a Moslem who heads a successful law firm in Hadera, is the first Arab diplomat to represent Israel in the United States.

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In July, Knesset Member Meir Kahane, a right-wing Orthodox rabbi who was elected as the sole member of the Kach movement in September 1984, and . . . who lost his Knesset privileges for refusing to take the required oath of allegiance to the state, reversed his stand and made his declaration.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews march through Jerusalem

The Supreme Court ruled that the Israeli Broadcasting Authority must reverse its policy of limiting coverage of Kahane's activities.

In Jerusalem, 3,000 ultra-Orthodox demonstrators marched through the heart of downtown Jerusalem on a Saturday afternoon in August to protest against the screening of Friday night films. Police had to use tear gas and clubs to disperse over 200 demonstrators who stoned passersby as the demonstration was breaking up.

And this year's bumper wheat crop became the centre of fierce controversy between farmers and ultra-Orthodox Jews who insisted that it had to be exported because they cannot eat produce grown on Jewish-owned land during this "shmitta" (every seventh) year in which the land is to lie fallow according to biblical injunction.

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The decision by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to confer the degree and title of chazzan (cantor) on women has angered a group of conservative cantors who object to the non-halachic approach to the issue.

In the field of medicine, religious interpretations led to more acceptance of transplants. The former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren maintained that liver transplants were not only permissible under religious law but constituted a mitzvah.

And a ruling by the Chief Rabbinate Council cleared the way for heart transplant operations in Israel. The rabbis included death when the brain ceases to function, but set stringent conditions to sanction these transplants.

But on surrogate motherhood, made famous by the Baby M case in which a woman was paid by a Jewish couple to be artificially inseminated, Israel will not permit a woman to "rent out" her uterus to carry a fetus and then hand it over to another couple.

And donating a cadaver's heart or liver — previously forbidden by Jewish law, is now permitted and even mandatory if a life is at stake, according to Rabbi Mose Tendler, a microbiologist who is regarded as the foremost medical halacha expert among the modern Orthodox community and parts of the ultra-Orthodox community in the United States.

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After a 4-year delay, Klaus Barbie, the Butcher of Lyons who had been hiding in Bolivia, stood trial charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity in the same city where he ruled and terrorized as Gestapo chief during the German occupation of France in World War II.

Barbie, 73, is held responsible for the murder of a French resistance leader as well as for the deportation to death camps of 894 Lyons civilians, most of them Jews, including more than 100 children. A jury of nine found him guilty of all counts and he was sentenced to life imprisonment, the maximum penalty under French law.

Archbishop Valerian Trifa, the Romanian-born cleric who was accused of being a Nazi collaborator, died in Portugal at the age of 72. He was ordered to leave the United States in 1982 but was unable to find a country that would admit him until two years later when Portugal accepted his request to settle there.

In April, Karl Linnas became the first American resident deported to the Soviet Union where he faced a death sentence for allegedly supervising the death of hundreds of Jews at an Estonian concentration camp. Linnas died in a Soviet hospital of heart failure.

Also in the Soviet Union, Fyodor Fedorenko, a Nazi convicted of participating in the mass

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Gorbachev astonishes countrymen and Western observers

. . . and Moscow allows Refuseniks to leave country

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murder of Jews and others at the Treblinka death camp, was executed by a Soviet firing squad at the age of 80.

In Jerusalem, John Demjanjuk, the 66-year-old Ukrainian-born former resident of Cleveland, Ohio who insists that he is not the notorious Treblinka death camp guard known by the inmates as Ivan the Terrible because of his unmitigated brutality, went on trial nine months ago.

Demjanjuk is the first Nazi war crimes suspect extradited to Israel and the first one to stand trial there since Adolf Eichmann, who was executed in 1962. Israel charged Demjanjuk under the 1950 Nazi Collaborators Law accusing him of crimes against the Jewish people, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The trial is still in progress.

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In a unique example of cooperation, the Portugese and Jewish communities jointly honored the memory of Aristides de Sousa Mendes at the annual awards and scholarship dinner of the Federation of Portugese Canadian Business and Professionals.

de Sousa Mendes saved thousands of innocent lives and like Raoul Wallenberg, he was confronted by a tragic fate. He died a dishonored pauper in Portugal in 1954. He was physically removed from his post as consul-general in Bordeaux and stripped of his diplomatic position.

Despite protests, President Kurt Waldheim of Austria met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican where he received blessings and was praised as "a man of peace." The Pope's decision to receive Waldheim was sharply criticized by ranking members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy as well as Jews throughout the world.

It was the first trip abroad for Waldheim since his election a year ago. He is officially barred from entering the United States, shunned by most Western governments, and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said that he is not welcome in Canada either, because of his complicity in Nazi atrocities during World War II. The Italian government ignored Waldheim's presence on Italian soil.

And B'nai B'rith Canada sent a telegram to President Richard von Weizsaecker of West Germany expressing "shock and dismay" that West Germany should be the first nation to welcome Waldheim, who allegedly participated in Nazi activities, and urged that the invitation be withdrawn.

In West Germany, Pope John Paul beatified Edith Stein — Sister Teresa Benedicta — a Jewish convert to Christianity. She was gassed by the Nazis at Auschwitz and she was praised as an "outstanding daughter of Israel" for sacrificing her life for her Jewish brethren.

The controversial Vatican decision brought a response from Jewish groups who argued that Stein died because of her Jewish heritage and not because of her Catholic faith.

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With cautious optimism, the world watched Mikhail Gorbachev astonish his countrymen and Western observers with his daring appeals for "glasnost and perestroika" (openness and reconstruction).

The release of Andrei Sakharov from internal exile, and more than 150 "dissidents" including some notables such as Iosif Begun, David Goldfarb, Michail Shirman and Yuli Edelshtein, has many observers wondering why the sudden clemency. With suspicion that there is some ulterior motive, they are saying, "We'll believe it when we see it, not before — it's all propaganda."

But the apparent liberalization of Soviet internal opression has sparked hope that hundreds of thousands of Jews may be allowed to emigrate. Soviet Jews, however, believe that this is merely an exercise in public relations.

In June, the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee celebrated its 1st birthday. The organization was co-founded by Montreal's Dr. Gerald Batist and six Soviet Jewish Refuseniks — five of the six cancer patients were released. Four have died: Lea Mariasin (Toronto), Rimma Braave (Rochester), Yuri Shpeizman (en route to Israel), and Inna Meiman (Washington).

Of the original group, only Tatyana Bogomolny is alive and living in San Francisco. Ben Charny, a long-term Refusenik who has skin cancer and a critical heart condition was refused exit papers until 1995. It is believed that he was kept back "for being part of a movement that embarrasses them." Other cancer patients have since joined the group.

In Montreal, two Jewish Soviet immigrants, unemployed Arkady Berkut, 28, and his wife decided to return to the Soviet Union saying it was for "family" reasons, followed by Faisa Vaysman, 60, and Marks Tsalik, 70, who joined five other non-Jewish emigres, to return to the Soviet Union.

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS met with Pope John Paul II in his castle near Rome prior to another meeting with him in Miami during his recent trip to the United States. The Pope heard Jewish complaints about the visit to the Vatican of Kurt Waldheim and the fact that the Vatican doesn't recognize Israel. [RNS photo]

A 4-person delegation — Parliamentarians Bill Attewell, chairman of the Parliamentary Group on Soviet Jewry, Howard McCurdy and Lucie Pepin, and interpreter Jeanette Goldman, chairman of International Council of Jewish Women's Soviet Jewry committee, paid a 10-day fact-finding visit to the Soviet Union in the spring. Attewell said this could be a pivotal year for change in that country but the 200 Refuseniks they talked to during their trip, won't believe things have changed until it actually happens to them.

Natan and Avital Scharansky (Natan was allowed to leave the Soviet Union in February 1986) became parents of a baby daughter Rahel, named after a sister of her paternal grandmother Ida Milgrom. Milgrom, a tiny white haired woman, was in Canada. She spent a day on Parliament Hill and visited several Canadian cities.

After a meeting with pro-PLO Palestinians in East Jerusalem, Scharansky issued a public apology saying he learned their identity "only after our meeting."

The first official Soviet delegation since 1967, when Moscow broke diplomatic relations after the Six Day War, came to Israel. Visas were issued to the members of a Soviet consular delegation by the Dutch embassy in Moscow which represents Israel's interests in the Soviet Union.

Although Israel's foreign ministry spokesmen tried to play down the significance of the visit which was planned to "inspect Russian Orthodox Church holdings and help Soviet passport holders working for the church," some Israeli sources have expressed hope the visit could turn into an overture for improved relations.

Recently, Edgar Bronfman, president, and Israel Singer, the secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress paid an official visit to Yugoslavia and Hungary. There they said world Jewry and the State of Israel are one and there can be no full entente with Jewish communities unless glasnost is also applied to Israel.

The statistics substantiate the softening of the Soviet position — in 1985, 1,140 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union. In 1986 there were only 914. By the end of August of 1987, the total had grown to 4,704.

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The year began as usual at the United Nations with a resolution sponsored by Oman calling for the suspension of Israel from the current 41st session of the Assembly. It was defeated by a vote of 87-41 with 13 abstentions.

In November, the UN condemned by a large margin Israel's "increasing collaboration with the racist regime of South Africa" and demanded that Israel terminate its "collaboration" with the Pretoria government. Some six months later, Israel curtailed its relations with South Africa, including a halt to new military contracts. President P. W. Botha accused the United States of "bullying Israel" to reduce its ties with South Africa.

A plea was made at UN's Human Rights commission on behalf of 250 Jewish women in Syria who want to emigrate because they cannot find spouses in their small community.

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations has attempted to convince Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the 17 nations of the now defunct UN War Crimes Commission to reconsider the granting of free public access to United Nations files on Nazi war ciminals.

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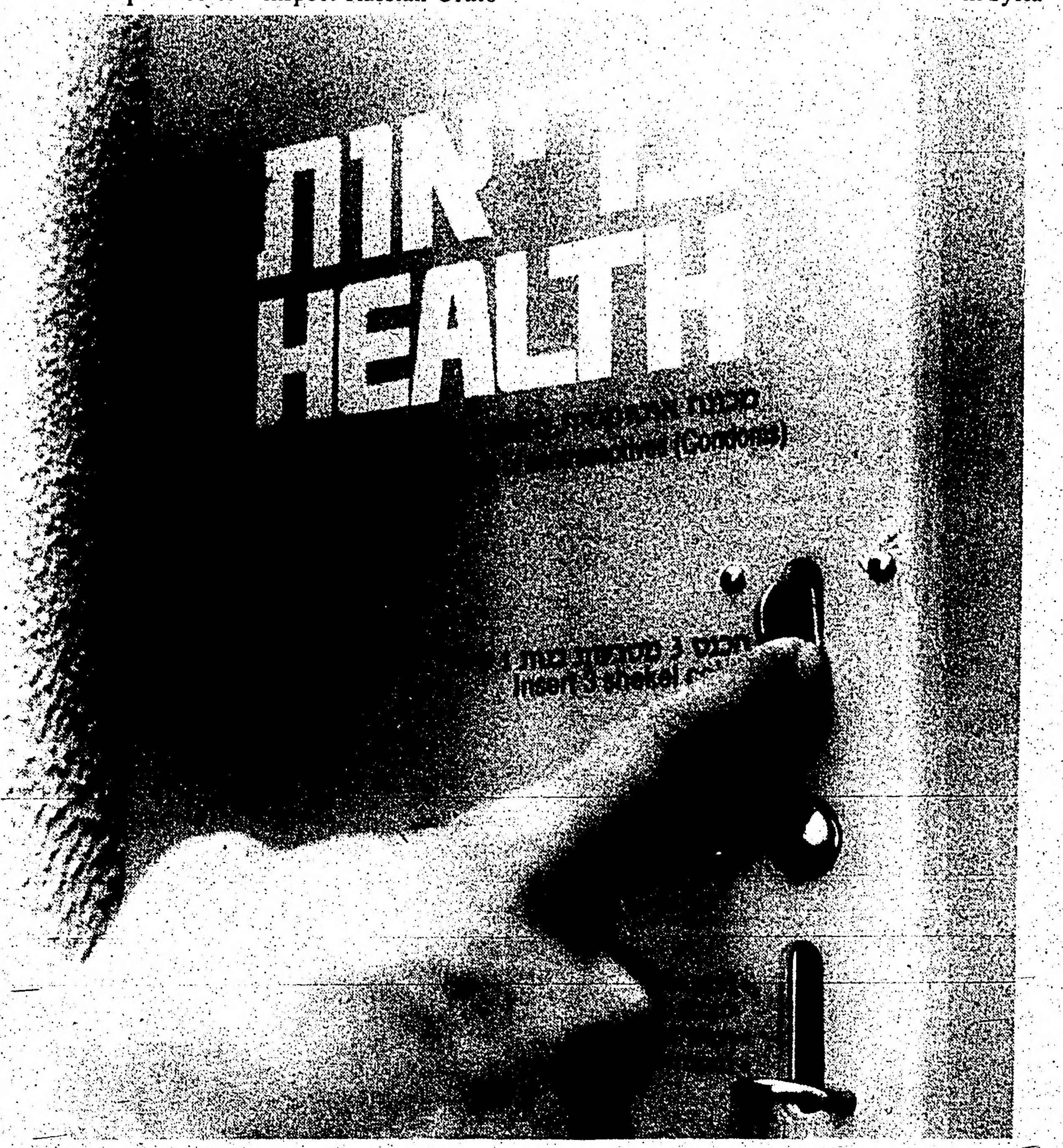
And here is a kaleidoscope of events from around the world:

- Following the conviction of an Arab who had Syrian help in planting a bomb on his girlfriend in an attempt to blow up an Israeli airliner, some of the countries that broke relations with Damascus are Britain, Canada, France and West Germany.
- In Romania, violently anti-semitic articles have appeared in two Romanian publications, including the Communist Youth League weekly.
- Best-selling Japanese author Mamai Uno contends that Japan's current economic slowdown was engineered by the Jews. Uno's books are part of a new phenomenon of many books in Japan about Jews and their alleged power and control of the world.
- On a visit to Toronto, Nathan Wjinperle, the secretary-treasurer of Stiba (Founders of the Fight Against Anti-Semitism) in Holland said that while anti-semitism in Holland has always existed below the surface, since the 1973 Yom Kippur War when people started to blame Jews for the Arab oil embargo, there has been a growing awareness.
- A survey conducted in Austria shows that seven out of every 100 Austrians are self-declared anti-semites — 3% among those with higher education and 8% among those with lower education.
- An Australian commission reported that there are "a significant number" of Nazi war criminals living in Australia and the Australian government has established a special unit to investigate about 85 suspected Nazi war criminals living in the country and to examine the Menzies Review to decide on further investigation.
- Israel established its first full-fledged diplomatic mission in Greece and Moshe Gilboa, a senior foreign ministry official from Jerusalem became the first ambassador.
- The Italian government and Jewish representatives signed an accord replacing legislation governing life in Italy that has been in force since the regime of Mussolini. There are 35,000 to 40,000 Jews in Italy, about the same number as before the Second World War.
- The Peruvian chamber of deputies repudiated the 1975 United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism to racism.
- The Latin American Bishops Conference, in an historic move to combat anti-semitism, drew up guidelines for use by Catholic educators in teaching about Jews and Judaism.
- Togo, one of Africa's smallest states, has renewed diplomatic ties with Israel. Togo, like the other 29 African countries, severed ties with Israel 14 years ago out of "African solidarity with Egypt" to protest Israel's occupation of the Sinai.

  Togo is the 5th African state to restore ties with Israel in the past three years. Others are, Zaire, Liberia, the Ivory Coast and Cameroon.
- Poland's foreign minister told Jewish leaders that in the aftermath of the decision to resume Polish-Israeli diplomatic links, he is "convinced that other Socialist countries are adopting the same attitude." Poland's diplomatic envoy to Israel is the first in 20 years.
- Pope John Paul II met with U.S. Jewish leaders in his summer palace near Rome to discuss complaints by Jews against the Catholic Church, specifically the visit to the Vatican by Kurt Waldheim and the failure to recognize the State of Israel. The Pope met again with Jewish leadership in Miami during his recent visit to the U.S.
- Mordechai Vanunu, the former Israeli atomic energy worker, went on trial in Jerusalem for revealing government secrets to a British newspaper. The trial continues.
- There's a new Jewish Canadian senator — Mira Spivak, of Winnipeg. She's the wife of Sidney Spivak, former leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in Manitoba.
- Tevie Miller, associate chief justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, was named chancellor of the University of Alberta.
- Chief Justice Alan Gold of Quebec's Superior Court was named chancellor of Concordia University of Montreal.
- Harold Shapiro became the first Jewish president of Princeton University — his twin brother Bernard is deputy minister of education in Ontario.
- Michael Fainstat became not only the first Jewish but the first anglophone chairman of Montreal's executive committee, the second most powerful position at city hall next to the mayor.



A CONDOM-DISPENSING machine in Jerusalem encourages Israelis to take care in helping prevent the spread of AIDS. [IPPA photo]

Government criticized

Matas claims immigration bill limits rights

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Canada's proposed immigration bill is fraught with dangers to fundamental human rights and "marks a return to the days when Jews fleeing the Holocaust were denied entry to Canada," a B'nai B'rith spokesman said recently.

While acknowledging the need to control abuse of the refugee-determination process, David Matas, senior counsel for the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai B'rith Canada, said Bill C-55 went too far in limiting rights and could not be saved by amendment. "It should be withdrawn," he said.

In speaking recently to the House legislative committee studying the bill, Matas, along with Institute chairman Marilyn Wainberg, criticized the government for rejecting workable systems of refugee-determination proposed by various individuals such as Rabbi Gunther Plaut while promoting its own harsh approach.

(Under government proposals, access is denied to anyone who comes from what the government says is a "safe country."

(Those who come to Canada without proper documentation are to be asked if they claim refugee status. If they say no, they would be precluded from ever again applying for that status.

(If they answer "yes," a hearing will be held within 48 hours. Should the claimant not be able to obtain legal counsel, the immigration department will appoint counsel to act on his behalf.

(Decisions of the adjudicator can be appealed to the Federal Court of Appeal by leave (permission) of the court only on errors of law.

(A claimant has one day in which to file an appeal and he or she must wait abroad the outcome of the appeal.)

"The government asserts one purpose for the Bill — abuse control — but in fact it has two," said Matas. "One is control of abuse. The other is denial of protection to genuine refugees who might be or might have been protected elsewhere...The priority is controlling abuse, not protecting refugees."

The government's aim is to "admit refugees on the basis of their likelihood of successful establishment in Canada," Matas said. "It chooses the pick of the crop, the healthy, the educated, the skilled, the trained, the young.

"It leaves behind the unskilled, the ill, the elderly. Canada wants the refugees who will contribute most to the Canadian economy."

(Matas told The CJN that under current regulations, immigration officers abroad give preference to refugees who can be "successfully established" in Canada — in practical terms, selecting those on economic criteria.)

"It is inappropriate for the government to choose refugees as they choose immigrants," Matas said. "By choosing its refugees, Canada does not live up to its international obligations to accept its share of the refugee burden."

Applications for refugee status made abroad are subject to conditions of unfairness, Matas said. The visa officer conducting the interview is not an independent decision maker nor is he or she expert in refugee law and the human rights conditions in persecuting countries. There is no right to appeal, no right to counsel. While applications for refugee status made in Canada are cumbersome, they are at least fair, he added.

B'nai B'rith recommended access be made available to all refugees and to eliminate the provision that would disallow claims from those coming from "a safe country." Political considerations may enter into the determination of safe countries, Matas said.

Refugees could be deported to countries considered safe only to find themselves sent back to the countries from which they were fleeing, he warned.

In its brief, B'nai B'rith also recommended:

- Requirements that the claimant's lawyer be ready to proceed by the time fixed by the adjudicator be dropped; the government should not impose its own counsel on the claimant in cases where he or she cannot obtain their own counsel; the government should nor require a hearing be held within 48 hours of arrival, since few lawyers can prepare in so short a time; the claimant should have more than 24 hours in which to appeal the adjudicator's decision.
- The right to appeal errors of fact and not just errors of law.
- Appeal should be as of right, not by leave.
- The right to stay in Canada pending the appeal.
- Changes to the bill to give the claimant the benefit of the doubt when determining refugee status.
- Immigration department adjudicators should have no part in refugee determination.

Israel eases criteria for immigrant housing

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — **The Israel government has made it easier for new immigrants to qualify for subsidized rental flats in public housing projects, but many of the flats offered are in bad condition, undesirable neighborhoods or areas where job prospects are poor.**

Immigrant absorption centres run by the Jewish Agency aliya department have become clogged in recent years with large numbers of newcomers who say that they don't earn enough to afford monthly mortgage payments.

Many of these people, most of whom are from Eastern Europe, have been in the centres for up to several years, even though they were originally intended to house newcomers for only six months.

The director-general of the absorption ministry, Meir Shamir, said that the government wants as many immigrants as possible to buy their own flats, but recognizes that some families won't be able to afford it. The ministry estimates that about 25% of the immigrants will need public housing.

However, the director-general of the aliya department, David Levine, said that the number was considerably higher.

The government recently devised new criteria making it possible for low income immigrants who are not considered 'social cases' to qualify for public housing at very low rents. For example, a couple with four or more children who earn less than the average gross income are eligible.

Shamir said that borderline cases would also be given consideration for low-rent public housing. This could happen, he said, if a family's income is above the poverty line, but would be pushed below it if they had to assume monthly mortgage payments.

The government is also offering public housing at higher rents that are closer to market levels, to immigrant families who settle in development towns or in certain housing projects in Haifa, Jerusalem, Petah Tikva, Hadera, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Netanya, Rishon Lezion and Pardes Hanna. Families who move into these flats can still qualify for a government mortgage if they decide to buy a flat later.

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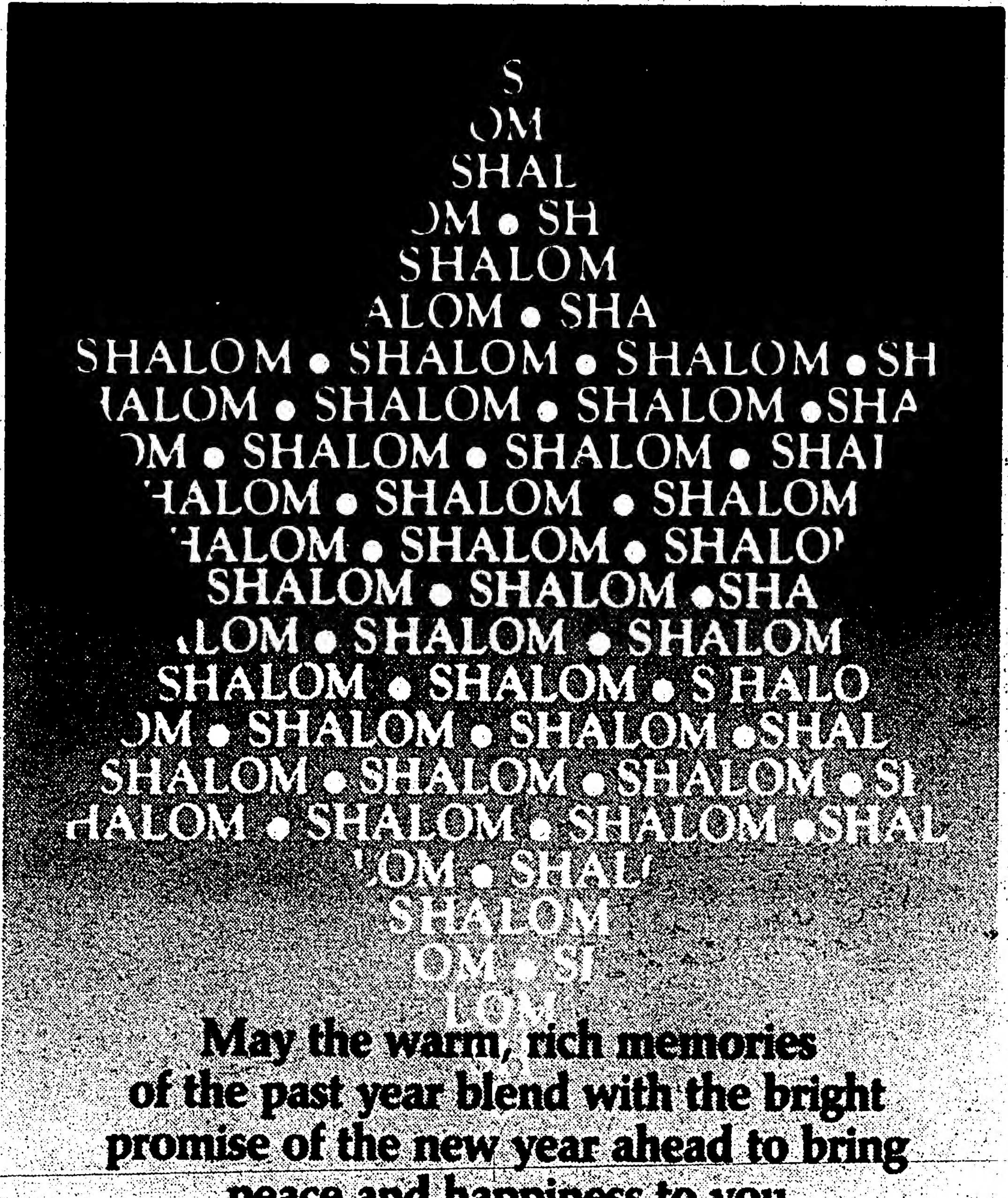
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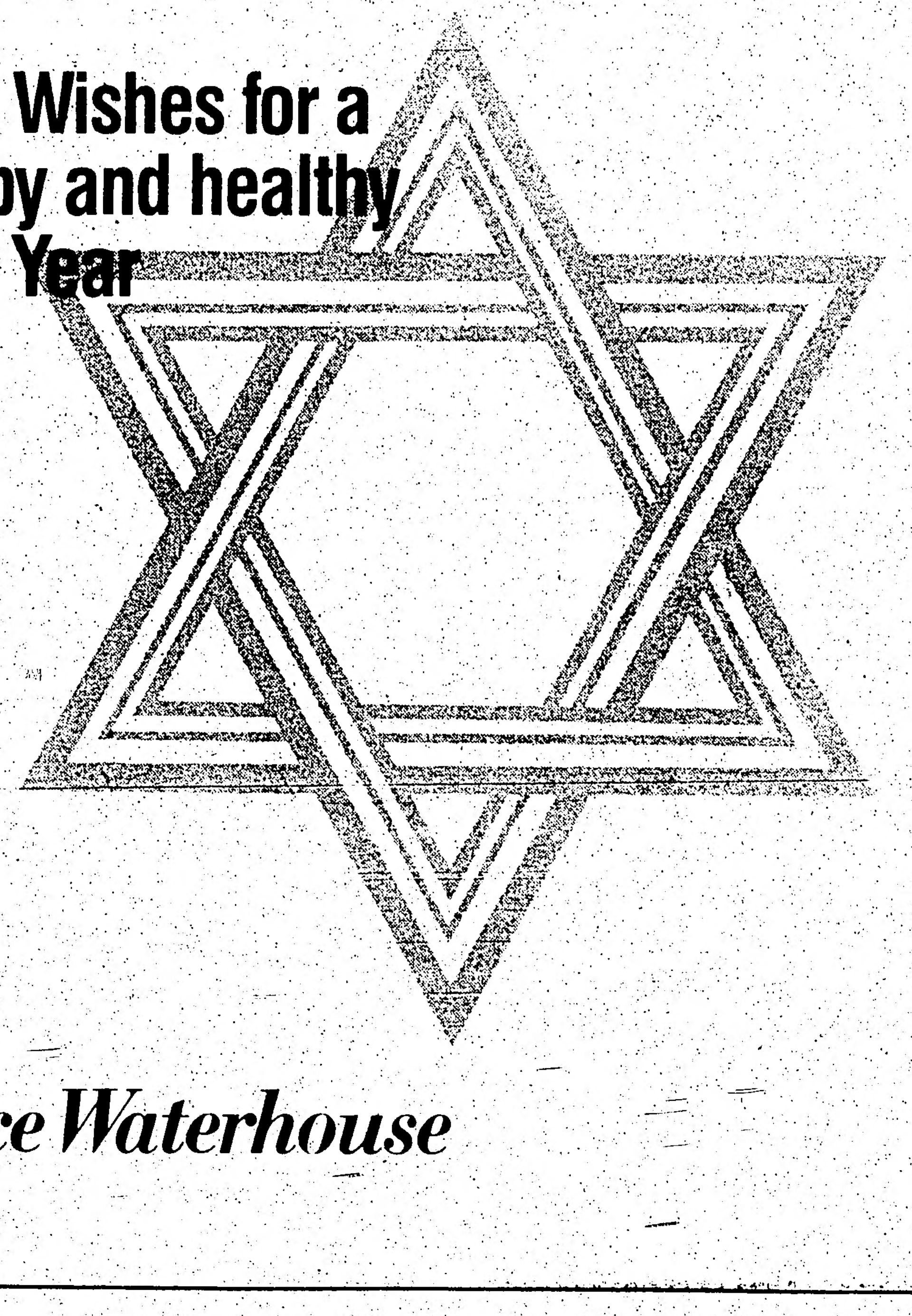

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Montreal to host 1988 Christian, Jews conference

Bishop defends two events which irked Jews

By
NOMI MORRIS

FRIBOURG, Switzerland —
Canada has been named as the site of next year's annual colloquium of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

To be held in Montreal next August, it will provide a close-up look at the organization that since World War II has led the fight against anti-semitism and anti-Judaic traditions within Christianity.

At this year's recent conference in Fribourg, the group was celebrating 40 years since its first meeting in the Swiss town of Seelisberg.

That 1947 "emergency conference on anti-semitism" is widely recognized as the first step on the road to the 1965 Vatican declaration Nostra Aetate (Of Our Times) which ruled that the Jewish people are not guilty of the death of Jesus Christ.

This year, self-congratulations over decades of progress were tempered by a sober recognition of how much is left to do.

A telling flashpoint occurred when an Israeli rabbi lashed out at a Polish bishop for the church's "exploitation of the Holocaust as proof of its own point of view."

Rabbi Tzvi Marx, of Jerusalem's modern Orthodox Hartmann Institute, confronted Bishop Henryk Muszynski after the Catholic official addressed the plenary,

Muszynski had attempted to defend the church's decision to build a Carmelite monastery at Auschwitz and beatify Edith Stein, a nun of Jewish origin who died there. Both issues had inflamed Jewish sensitivies within the last year.

The bishop told 200 clergy and lay people from 21 countries that Auschwitz was a "place of martyrdom for the Polish people" and that the church feels a responsibility to have there a "holy place" — not just an atheist museum commemorating the Socialist struggle against fascism during World War II.

"Christianity identifies with Jewish suffering," he said.

But Rabbi Mark, articulating the feelings of many delegates, told the bishop that the church allow its interests to disregard the "unique meaning" that Auschwitz symbolizes for the Jewish people.

"It is too painful for Jews that the same church that was silent during the Holocaust now puts itself forward as the savior of this awareness — particularly at Auschwitz," said Marx.

ICCJ president Victor Goldbloom, of Canada, reminded the gathering that last February nine Catholic and nine Jewish leaders signed an agreement on the controversial monastery.

It asserts that there is "no place for Catholic permanent worship on the camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau" and calls for a centre of prayer and study of the Holocaust to be set up outside the grounds of the camps.

Muszynski was joined at the conference by the Catholic Archbishop of Hungary and representatives from East Germany and Czechoslovakia who have been drawn into the international dialogue since 1981.

Also attending for the first time was Pierfrancesco Fumagalli, head of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. Neither Fumagalli nor the ICCJ — which avoids political declarations — spoke about the Pope's meeting with Austrian president Kurt Waldheim.

"All of us here are on the same side — against the Pope's action," said one Christian delegate.

The Canadian delegation, led by Goldbloom, figured prominently in the proceedings. Rev. Lois Wilson of the United Church of Canada, led a special workshop on women and religion, and Toronto lawyer Robert Levy spearheaded the input of a new young leadership division.

The youth group, 40 participants under the age of 35, met for two days in Berne prior to the colloquim.

A handful of Muslims — including some Israeli Arabs — were welcomed by the ICCJ as the organization grapples with the question of how to include Islam in Christian - Jewish dialogue.

Also present was Carrie Marias of UNESCO's division of human rights and Lord Donald Coggan, the former Archbishop of Canterbury.

"Anti-semitism is like an underground fire that can break out anywhere, any time," says Coggan. The ICCJ, and its local member, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, watches for those fires and fights ceaslessly to put them out.

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War criminals' bill shows Ottawa serious, Harris says

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — The federal government has demonstrated it has the political will to prosecute Nazi war criminals in Canada, said Milton Harris, immediate past president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The government's decisive and speedy actions in putting through Bill C-71 that will allow for Nazi war criminal prosecutions has shown it is serious, Harris told more than 50 people attending a recent meeting of the CJC national executive committee.

Harris — who has spent a number of years with Congress national executive director Jack Silverstone and legal counsel Irwin Cotler seeking government action — said the Jewish community has been cynical throughout the bill's process, never believing such a law would see the light of day even though Ottawa's response has been extremely positive.

"When will our community be convinced that the political will is there?" asked Harris. "When will we be convinced that our country is with us on the question of bringing alleged Nazi war criminals to justice in Canada?

"When Brian Mulroney was leader of the opposition, he told me he regarded the war criminal question as a moral issue that struck at the heart of the quality of Canadian society.

"If he became Prime Minister, he said he would do something about it. We took that statement as empty political rhetoric for the next election campaign," said Harris.

When Mulroney came to power and appointed the Deschenes Commission to investigate the Nazi war criminal question, many in the Jewish community "took this as a time-honored political ploy to sweep this issue, which had heated up, off the political stage and back forever into history."

Some Jewish people felt Deschenes had a "prejudice on this question," said the 60-year-old president of the Harris Steel Group. They also saw some of the previous writings of Alti Rodal — appointed by Deschenes to do the historical report — "as predetermining a negative position."

The strong opposition of several East European Canadian communities — in particular Ukrainians who were traditional Conservative supporters — to the Deschenes commission and any possible recommendations it would make, also convinced some Jews the government would not move on the report.

They were even more convinced when the government, receiving the Deschenes report late last December, failed to table it in public for more than three months.

"Many were sure the government was looking for a way to avoid acting on the recommendations," said Harris.

And even when the report, positive in nature, "was tabled with its astounding recommendations and the still more astounding commitment of the government to accept the key recommendations to amend our Criminal Code in order to prosecute (war criminals) in Canada...we once again were cynical," he said.

The process also appeared stalled when the government brought amendments to the House at the very end of the June sitting and rapid passage without a committee stage was blocked by two Conservative MPs who refused to grant unanimous consent to the bill.

But just as it appeared the bill would be subjected to lengthy hearings in the House's Standing Justice Committee, it was brought for quick passage before a special legislative committee which only heard the minister and several other civil servants.

On Aug. 20, the bill received a second reading in the House. Eight days later it was given a third and final reading.

But to become law, it still had to receive Senate approval, and some Jews thought a few senators — both Liberal and Conservative — would stall it, subjecting it to long public hearings in the Senate Committee.

Yet pressure from the leadership of both parties ensured swift passage in the Senate, Harris said.

The bill received royal proclamation and became law last week.

"We are coming to the fulfillment of our long struggle to bring Nazi war criminals in Canada to justice," Harris told the Congress meeting.

"To me the Holocaust — our emotional identification with the victims and with the survivors and our determination to not let the guilty perpetrators go free — rose to the heart of our Jewishness."

Heinous crime

"Six million Jews — men and women and young children were done to death not because they were combatants in the war, not because they had the possibility of offering any serious resistance, not because they represented any threat at all to the German conquerer, but solely because they were Jews.

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Harris — who believes it was necessary to get beyond the civil service to the "political level" especially the cabinet level of government to get this issue acted upon — praised Mulroney's role in the process, saying the bill was decided upon and moved ahead at his direction.

"That's really what stopped it in the last administration," Harris said during a question period following his report.

"It was very, very clear in the period that I was involved with the (Pierre) Trudeau government that the Prime Minister himself opposed action on war criminals in this country...because he believed it would rip apart the fabric of society in this country, in particular causing problems between Jewish Canadians and Ukrainian Canadians."

Despite congratulations from national executive members to the CJC team for their efforts in seeing the bill through, Harris said their work is far from over.

A CJC researcher is currently looking at information that was deleted from the Rodal report. Harris — who described the report "as a magnificent historical account of a record of inaction by successive governments since the war" — said some information was removed on the pretext of alleged violations to the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act.

Each citation is being examined to determine whether the CJC will challenge any of them.

"My instinct says we will," said Harris. "It is clear to me that protection of previous governments' inaction is not an acceptable reason for denial of publication."

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Israel to impose sanctions against South Africa

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel's inner cabinet has decided to impose 10 specific Common Market-type sanctions against South Africa, touching on economic, cultural, scientific, sports and official relations.

A complete official announcement, detailing the new measures, will be published by the cabinet secretariat "within days," after the South African government and the relevant government ministries have been notified.

The South African ambassador was subsequently "summoned to Jerusalem," in the words of a foreign ministry official, and informed of the decision and its purport.

The move was a follow-up to the inner cabinet's decisions of last March 18, which included a ban on all new defence contracts with South Africa and the establishment of an inter-departmental committee to recommend further specific sanctions.

The sanctions approved at the recommendation of the interdepartmental committee headed by foreign ministry political director-general Yossi Beilin include a freeze of iron imports at the present level, non-export to South Africa of oil products, a ban on private investments and a ban on third-party transactions through Israel with South Africa.

The ministers decided to set up a special fund to finance the training of South African Blacks and Coloreds in Israel.

A foreign ministry official said that the sanctions decided upon conformed to the EC model, which was "milder" than the sanctions recently imposed by the United States and the Scandinavian countries.

The six inner cabinet ministers who voted for the sanctions — three Likud ministers are abroad and another, Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, recently resigned — also decided to sever all sports and cultural contacts with South Africa; to ban promotion of Israeli tourism to South Africa and visits by Israeli officials; and to ban government loans to South Africa and the purchase of krugerrands by Israelis.

A foreign ministry official subsequently said that Israel views these decisions as being in line with "the policy towards South Africa in practice in the Free World . . . (Israel has joined) the Western democracies in these steps against South Africa."

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JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has strongly denied that there is "nuclear cooperation" **between Israel and South Africa.**

Speaking to a group of visiting American Black leaders in Jerusalem, Peres said that reports about such cooperation were "nonsense."

Peres also assured the group, which includes Martin Luther King III, the son of the assassinated Black civil rights leader, that the inner cabinet would "within a few weeks" decide on further sanctions against Pretoria.

Foreign ministry sources suggested that the inner cabinet would probably debate the matter at the start of October, after Peres' return from his visit to the United States.

Peres only briefly attended the meeting, which was originally scheduled to be between the visitors and the foreign ministry's director-general for political affairs, Yossi Beilin.

Beilin spoke of Israel's efforts to develop relations with South Africa's Blacks, citing visits here by groups of trainees taking part in Histadrut labor federation programs.

He also revealed that Israel had invited Black leader Archbishop Desmond Tutu to visit Israel, but Tutu had turned down the invitation.

Beilin said that there was considerable "exaggeration" in media reports about the dimensions of Israeli-South African ties.

By way of illustration, he noted that South Africa imported only $80 million worth of Israeli goods a year, while Israel only bought $160 million worth of goods, mostly coal, from South Africa.

Beilin recalled the steps Israel has already taken vis-a-vis Pretoria, including the decision not to enter into new bilateral defence contracts. He said that cultural and sports sanctions implemented by Israel also have a psychological impact in delegitimizing apartheid.

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Soviets free several long-term Refuseniks

Canadian activists are pleased but still wary

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
Canadian Soviet Jewry activists tempered their pleasure in the granting of visas to former Prisoners of Conscience Iosef Begun and Viktor Brailovsky among other long-term Refuseniks with the caution that has become inbred in the movement.

The chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of both the International and National Councils of Jewish Women, called the release of the two leaders of Moscow's Jewish community "in a way a bellweather."

Jeanette Goldman said that "for the first time we're seeing long-term Refuseniks released from Moscow — some have been released from Leningrad.

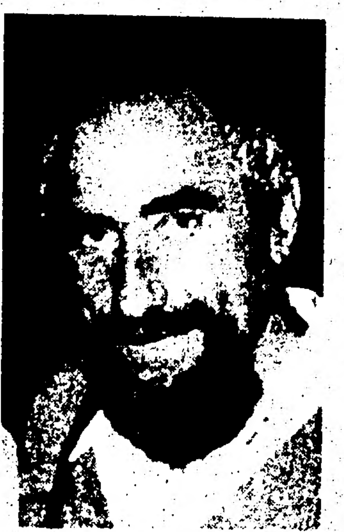
"It's most gratifying that these men are out and able to fulfil their ambition and dream of living in Israel ... One hopes it simply isn't an appeasement of the West ... and it's the beginning of a long line of known Refuseniks (being released). If it isn't, we'll have to tell the world the Soviets are playing games and there's no meaning to glasnost."

In Montreal, the chairman of the National Soviet Jewry Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress pointed out that although emigration levels have been on the rise since the first of the year and several high-profile Refuseniks have been released, the Soviets are still playing "a cruel game."

Barbara Stern said, "It's almost as if they've made up their minds to let everybody out but we still seem to be bartering for their release one by one. We have to work harder for those who are left.

"The Soviets are almost entering a self-defeating posture — they will have more to gain if they show that it (emigration of Refuseniks) is more than tokenism.... They're now beginning to create a negative impression. If they can give Begun permission, why not Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak and the hundreds of others (who have alleged security restrictions)."

Iosef Begun


Victor Brailovsky

Stern said that the Soviets should make the final move and establish a free, regularized emigration process to eliminate the arbitrariness inherent in the current situation. In alluding to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's often-quoted statement that security restrictions have no relevance after between five and 10 years, she said the latest releases offer conclusive evidence that there's no need to hold any long-term Refusenik — "at this stage, it's obvious there's no justifiable reason.

"The West now realizes that the Soviet Union is doing nothing but using Jews as hard currency."

Stern reports that a recent conversation with former hunger striker Alex Ioffe points to this issue. She quotes him as saying, "Something is under way, but the arbitrariness of the recent permissions is an indication that in this at least, there is no change."

He said Refuseniks "would be more confident if the recent permissions occured in the absence of any forthcoming meetings" — a reference to this week's meetings in Washington between U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Schevardnadze.

In Toronto, Morley Wolfe, chairman of B'nai B'rith Canada's Soviet Jewry Committee, called it "a tremendous occasion. I'm more than pleased that the Soviet authorities have seen fit to take actions that are merely 16 years late in coming.

"I only hope that they continue to provide emigration visas to those who still desire to leave but without the incredibile bureaucratic delays and without the rather incredulous excuse that many people hold state secrets."

Wolfe said that in his view the release of Refuseniks has always been an opportunistic reflection of the Soviet Union's character.

"When it suited their purpose, they released Jews but when it didn't, they didn't. Emigration has always been tied to relations with the West, almost as if Jews were hostages to good relations."

The hostage theme was also echoed by Bill Attewell, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry, who was dubious of the timing of the releases.

"I'm always delighted when I hear good news but it still smacks of a hostage mentality and can't help but think it (the releases) might be because of the upcoming summit. It's a well thought out strategy to be sending the message that things are loosening up in the Soviet Union."

Attewell said that there are many long-standing Refuseniks who are struggling and that "with the stroke of the pen" all could be given the approval to leave, if the will were there.

Marsha Slavens, co-chairman of Congress' Toronto-based committee, hailed the release with delight but noted that it's too soon to be certain that permanent or long-run change is imminent as "a lot depends of East-West negotiations" and the expected October summit between Gorbachev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

"I'm also concerned that people will become complacent and at this stage, we can't afford that."

Ben Prossin, director of her committee, echoed these sentiments, adding: "We're overjoyed, however we cannot forget the 2,000 Refuseniks who have been refused for more than 10 years so while it's great to have some released, we won't stop until all those who want to leave can."

Prossin said that no longer can the myth of secrecy be used — if the Soviets can release some, they can release them all.

"We're at a time when the Soviets have to fish or cut bait — they have to show they mean business by opening the gates to emigration and cultural freedom for those Jews who wish to remain."

Until this happens, he said, "glasnost does not mean change for Jews. All we want is for the Soviets to live up to their international obligations in the area of human rights."

He stressed that in many ways this is a new beginning.

"If the door opens a little now is the time to double our efforts to get it open all the way."

Steven Offer, co-chairman of the Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry, reiterated this view that the job for Western activists is just beginning.

"There's no question the door is opening but there's also no question that it's not wide open. It (the releases) has to spur everyone on to greater pressure. Now is the time to do it while there's some receptiveness ... one cannot become complacent and think that the situation will heal itself."

Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, voiced her excitement at the release of the "old-timers", who have become "like members of my family."

She said that at this stage, a change in Soviet attitude to emigration — the level to the end of August was 4,704 compared with 914 in the whole of 1986 — has to be acknowledged.

However, she pointed to the fact that in 1973 and 1979 (the last year of a mass exodus), 35,000 and 51,000 Jews, respectively, were allowed out. When this is done, the figures can be seen in a clearer light, she said.

Group thrilled adoptees out

TORONTO —
Members of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Chapter are rejoicing at the news that one of their two adopted Refusenik families has been granted permission to live in Israel.

Dr. Moisey and Ania Lieberman of Bendery, Moldavia, and their daughter Nina, who were told by Soviet officials on Labor Day they may leave the country, were the subjects of the council's letter writing blitz, which began last December. The Royak family, their other adoptee, was recently refused again.

Marsha Slavens, the council's vice-president of communications and past chairman of its World Jewry Committee, said that the Liebermans' release after more than 12 years in refusal is "exciting and thrilling.

"It seems to be following a pattern. Last year, our campaign focussed on two other families and they got out. When we have a campaign for somebody they seem to get out."

In stressing that this just proves campaigns to put pressure on Soviet authorities on behalf of Refuseniks work, she said, "We did something and there was a positive result."

This encouraging result serves to spur members on to fight for other Refusenik families still in Bendery, she said, adding that about 15 of 25 families have been granted exit visas. Council's campaigns during the past years have focused on Refuseniks in that isolated community.

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Israel and Hungary signed an agreement in Bern last week to establish interest sections in their respective countries. It is the lowest level of diplomatic representation but could be a precursor to stronger ties in the future.

The signing ceremonies, which lasted an hour, were held in private. At the request of the Hungarians, no media were allowed. The Israeli participants were Yeshayahu Anug, deputy director general of the foreign ministry; legal advisor Victor Harel, and Israel's ambassador to Switzerland, David Rivlin.

Hungary was represented by Yanos Goros, head of the legal department at the foreign ministry, and Wilmos Kopany, head of the political section.

Anug told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel accepted the Hungarian position that this should be a first step and not normalization of full diplomatic relations. Israel decided to have something rather than say, "We want everything or nothing," Anug said.

He added that Israel has to be practical and develop new economic, cultural and tourist relations with Hungary. He said both sides spoke openly of the limitations which, for the time being, do not permit deeper relations.

Hungary has followed the footsteps of Poland, which established an interests section in Tel Aviv earlier this year. Israel simultaneously set up an interest section in Warsaw.

Apart from Romania, they are the only Communist-bloc countries to re-establish any form of diplomatic relations with Israel since they severed ties during the 1967 Six Day War. Romania alone never broke with Israel and the two countries maintain full diplomatic relations on the ambassadorial level.

Last spring, a Soviet consular delegation visited Israel for the first time to review the status of Soviet nationals there and inspect Soviet property. They rented an office in Ramat Gan which some observers believed would become the nucleus of a permanent consular establishment.

This has not yet transpired and the Soviets have refused to allow Israel to send a similar delegation to the USSR.

The ceremonies in Bern were also attended by the Swedish ambassador to Switzerland, whose country represents Hungarian interests in Israel. Reporters remarked that the Hungarians emerging from the ceremony looked grim, "more like returning from a funeral."

In another development, the Israel Philharmonic is scheduled to play in Hungary and Poland in November, solidifying recently reformed diplomatic ties between the Jewish state and these countries. The performances will be the first for the IPO in Eastern bloc nations since the 1967 Six Day War.

IPO spokeswoman Michal Oren said the IPO would give one concert in Budapest and five in Poland, at the invitation of both these countries' governments. She said the orchestra will be led by conductor Zubin Mehta, with violinist Itzhak Perlman performing with them.

Unity govt. ready for negotiations: Arad

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Moshe Arad, Israel's new ambassador to the United States, has rejected any suggestion that Israel is incapable of achieving progress toward a Middle East peace settlement because of the differences over an international conference between Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

"There is no difference of opinion in our cabinet about the necessity to move the peace process forward," Arad said in a recent speech to the National Press Club, his first appearance before reporters since coming to Washington in July.

"And specifically there is no difference of opinion concerning the necessity of finding a proper framework to bring Jordan into face-to-face negotiations with Israel," he added.

A questioner noted that Arad was in the unusual position for an ambassador of having to represent two views of his government, rather than one, since the national unity government is split between the Labor Party, led by Peres, which supports an international conference and the Likud bloc, led by Shamir, which opposes it.

Arad suggested the situation was similar to that which exists in the U.S. where the Reagan administration and Congress have agreed on an approach to bring about negotiations in Central America while at the same time having "different views and different interpretations of this policy."

The different views of Peres and Shamir "don't indicate that this national coalition government is in any way immobile or incapable to move forward in order to achieve peace" with other Arab countries, as Israel did with Egypt, Arad said.

Controversial Nir sacked as advisor

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Amiram Nir, the Israeli who allegedly set up the sale of U.S. arms to Iran and arranged diversion of the proceeds to the Nicaraguan rebels known as Contras, has been fired as Premier Yitzhak Shamir's advisor on counterterrorism.

According to Israel Radio, his dismissal and that of several other officials was part of an agreement signed when Shamir took over the office of Premier under the Labor-Likud rotation of power agreement last October. The Iran-Contra arms sales scandal broke the following month.

U.S. reports said Nir travelled to Teheran to arrange for the sale of American-manufactured arms to Iran. Lt.-Col. Oliver North, the former aide to then National Security Advisor Admiral John Poindexter, testified before the Senate-House joint committee last spring that Nir initiated the transfer of funds from the arms sale to the Contras.

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Mulroney said responsible for war crimes bill

CJC officer pays tribute to Prime Minister

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Despite Canada's shameful record of admitting Nazi war criminals into the country in the aftermath of World War II, it now appears there will soon be trials of Nazi murderers before Canadian courts.

"We must pay tribute" to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for doing what no previous government had done, taking action on promises to bring war criminals to justice, said Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Speaking at the 8th Triennial National Convention of Na'amat Pioneer Women, Rose noted Mulroney "was as good as his word." There are now "many cases under investigation," he said.

(The government bill to amend the Criminal Code to allow for the prosecution of war criminals received royal proclamation last week.)

Turning to "enemies of the Jewish people," Rose said the current hate law provision of the Criminal Code, which prohibits promotion of hatred against an identifiable group, is limited by penalties that are not strong enough.

He called for stronger penalties than contained in the legislation (a maximum of two years in jail) for those who promote hatred by claiming the Holocaust is a fabrication concocted by Jews.

He said hate literature is "produced by liars for consumption by fools."

Rose, who strayed from his announced topic of Hate literature, war criminals and the Charter of Rights, warned against accepting the Soviet policy of glasnost at face value.

He said it appears the Soviets aim to release high profile Refuseniks — those who have been refused permission to emigrate — while keeping a tight lid on the 400,000 other Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union.

He said that while the Soviets have softened their attacks against Israel (where once they attacked the very notion of Zionism, they now criticize specific aspects of Israeli policy), a new association called Pamyat creates cause for concern.

The organization harkens back to Czarist times by being "viciously anti-semitic." It is supported by the KGB secret police, the armed forces and by some in the government. They are permitted to hold meetings where they incite to anti-semitism, Rose said.

The anti-semitism is felt everywhere including the schools, he added.

Rose said that while the Soviets maintain a massive, advanced economy devoted to defence needs, it otherwise has the appearance of a Third World economy.

With the new policy of upgrading that economy, the long-range danger exists that if the expectations for increased productivity fall flat, "You know who will be blamed: the Jews."

That threat has been implied by Pamyat, Rose said. A recent best-selling book in the Soviet Union even blames the country's alcoholism problems on Jews, he added.

Rose concluded by reminding the 75 women in attendance at the meeting that some Arab countries, notably Saudi Arabia, circulate one of the most infamous anti-semitic documents: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a forgery concocted by the Czarist police years ago.

It circulates all over the Arab world, he said.

Three Israeli soldiers killed in a clash with terrorists

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
Three Israeli soldiers, two of them officers, were killed last week in a bitter clash with terrorists on the slopes of Mt. Hermon in the eastern end of the south Lebanon security zone. One terrorist was wounded and captured. Another wounded terrorist escaped.

The gang apparently was attempting to infiltrate Israel for sabotage and hostage-taking. It was the most serious clash in two years.

The Israel Defence Force identified the dead as Capt. Ishai Ronen Weizman of Moshav Maslul, Capt. Alexander Singer of Kibbutz Ein Tsurim, and Pvt. Camille Oren of Ramle.

Four Israeli soldiers were wounded, none seriously. They were evacuated to hospitals by helicopter.

The terrorists were identified as members of the Lebanon Liberation Opposition Front, an umbrella organization of left-wing and Communist Lebanese and Palestinians, trained and supported by Syria.

The clash occurred when an IDF patrol was surprised shortly after dark by the terrorist gang well concealed on the rocky mountain slopes. The Israeli casualties were sustained early in the fighting and depleted the patrol's strength. But the patrol managed to hold off the enemy for a considerable time until reinforcements were landed by helicopter and the terrorists fled.

Helicopter gunships hovered over the region throughout the night, dropping flares. They were assisted by artillery firing luminescent shells. IDF commanders praised the patrol for fighting off the terrorists despite its losses. The unit is part of the crack Givati infantry brigade.

A wounded terrorist who escaped told reporters in the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon later that a 15-man squad of Lebanese and Palestinians had set out on an operation against the "Zionist entity." He said the Lebanese were members of the Communist Party and the Palestinians belonged to the rejectionist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a group led by Nayef Hawatmeh.

Army is unwilling

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —
The Israel Army is expected to stop officers from issuing formal invitations including a Hebrew or Aramaic abbreviation for "God-willing."

Orthodox Jews commonly write these abbreviations at the top right-hand side of letters. The commander of the Givati Infantry Brigade recently did so on an invitation, arousing protests among secular recipients.

A senior military source indicated that invitations will no longer carry such abbreviations.

He said the Israel Army had a format for invitations to events "that does not include such an addition."

Remark about gas chambers sparks an outrage in France

PARIS (JTA) —
French Jewry is outraged and alarmed by right-wing leader Jean Marie Le Pen's claim in a national broadcast that the Holocaust, if it indeed occurred, has been exaggerated and in any event was only a footnote to history.

Le Pen, who spoke on Radio Luxembourg, heads the extreme right-wing National Front, which won 10% of the vote in last year's legislative elections and has 32 deputies in the French National Assembly. He has declared himself a candidate in the presidential elections next year.

The National Front is believed to be a cover for several French "revisionist" historians who maintain that the Holocaust was a Jewish invention. Le Pen himself has a record of rabid racism and veiled anti-semitism. He adamantly denies being an anti-semite and complains that his remarks are "misinterpreted."

In the radio interview, he said, "I don't say they (the gas chambers) never existed but I have never seen any myself. Moreover, I think this (whole question) is a mere detail in the history of the Second World War."

He added: "There were many (Jewish) dead, hundreds of thousands, maybe millions. But non-Jews also died."

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Compromise struck to avoid showdown with Congress

PLO's UN mission to stay but not DC office

By
EDWIN BLACK

WASHINGTON — The state department has struck a compromise with those seeking closure of Palestine Liberation Organization offices in New York and Washington.

The PLO's UN mission in New York will remain, but its quasi-diplomatic Palestine Information Office (PIO) in Washington will close. The PIO will be shut down within the coming three weeks, perhaps as soon as the next few days, according to key administration sources.

As part of the compromise, Congress will abort its constitutional showdown with the administration over the issue. House and Senate leaders will not proceed with the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987, which not only would close both offices, but proscribe PLO funding or transactions in America.

Jewish communal leaders have indicated they will support such a compromise. As such, the administration not only aborts a battle with Congress, congressmen avoided a "litmus test" on Israel as voting neared on a constitutionally troublesome bill that many were happy to cosponsor but somewhat reluctant to adopt.

Ironically, key sources both in government and out expect the PLO to continue operating in the nation's capital during an expected long court challenge.

After months of false alarms and premature media leaks on the decision to close the offices, the final judgment was actually made by Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead around Labor Day, according to administration sources. Whitehead acted following a 90-minute Sept. 3 meeting with a Presidents' Conference delegation led by Conference chairman Morris Abram.

Convened in a 7th floor state department conference room, the meeting covered a wide range of topics, from Soviet Jewry to arms sales to Arab nations. Attending from the state department were Whitehead, assistant secretary of State Richard Murphy and several specialists in Israeli affairs.

The 6-man Jewish delegation included Abram, Conference executive director Malcolm Hoenlein, Phil Baum of the American Jewish Congress, plus prominent Detroit Republican fund raiser Max Fisher.

Conversation about the PLO lasted some 15 minutes, led by Baum, a leader in the campaign against the PLO offices. Baum told Whitehead that while the Jewish community was gratified by Secretary of State George Schultz' July 31 letter to Congress indicating that the Washington office might close "at an appropriate time," recent reports suggested that the administration intended "to never implement the decision" because of bureaucratic haggling.

Whitehead responded that the haggling was over because there was now "a clear policy" to close the office that "all bureaus supported." He then turned to Richard Murphy, director of the Near East and Asia bureau, responsible for Israel policy and added, "Don't we, Dick." Murphy answered that the tactical decisions on closing the PIO were still awaiting a reply from Congressional sponsors of legislation the state department was hoping to avoid.

Tourists flock to Israel: data

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Tourism to Israel was up 25% during the first eight months of 1987 compared to the same period in 1986, the ministry of immigration and absorption reported last week.

The rise was 3% compared to 1985, which was Israel's record tourist year.

Of the 919,400 tourists, 766,100 arrived by air, a 24% increase over last year. Arrivals by land totalled 137,000, of whom 71,900 came to Israel via Egypt. This was a 16% increase, excluding tourists who returned to Israel after visiting Sinai. Other land arrivals were by the Jordan River bridges.

Arrivals by sea numbered 84,800, of whom 12,610 were crewmen from foreign naval vessels visiting Israel and the rest passengers from cruise ships. In 1986, only 1,800 foreign naval personnel were among the 50,000 tourists who arrived by sea. In 1985, 100,300 tourists came to Israel by sea.

Research eminence at risk

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Even though Israel is prominent in scientific research today it could become a third-rate nation in the field within a few years because of inadequate financial resources.

This ominous warning was given to the cabinet at a recent session by Science and Development Minister Gideon Patt.

The minister said Israel would have to keep pace with the scientific explosion in the industrialized countries and ensure that it invested enough to maintain its present proportion of 1% of all the scientific literature published around the world.

Even though Israel invests 3% of its gross national product in research and development today, this investment represents no more than one half of 1% of what West European nations invest, Patt said.

Where once it took as long as 50 years to jump the gap between basic research and applied technology, the West now does this in five to 10 years, and Israel has to compete in this respect too.

"For the last 10 years we have not devoted enough money for R and D," Patt said. "Talented researchers have been steadily drifting abroad, where they can easily get the posts they seek and the labs they require for their work."

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Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek stages 1-man protest in front of the Prime Minister's office demanding that Yitzhak Shamir approve construction of a football stadium in Jerusalem. [IPPA photo]

Before "coming of Messiah"

Kollek pushes for stadium

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek wants to begin preparing the grounds of the proposed football stadium at Manahat even though Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in his capacity as acting interior minister, has not yet signed the plan to build the stadium there.

Kollek will ask the municipality's planning and building subcommittee to approve a request to begin earthmoving work on the football field at the site, the spokesman, Rafi Davara, said.

In addition, city lawyers are now looking into the possibility of applying to the High Court of Justice for a writ against Shamir for refusing to authorize the plan, Davara said.

For several days now, technicians have been checking the condition of the ground. Two months ago the municipality budgeted funds for the initial earthmoving work.

Meanwhile, the interior ministry's legal advisor is still studying the plan and reportedly expects to submit his recommendations to the minister within a month.

Reports that officials identified with the Shas Party have proposed to Shamir that the stadium not be built at Manahat but outside city limits, near the Mar Elias Monastery on the road to Bethlehem, have irked city officials.

"We don't know whether to laugh or cry," Davara said, noting that when Menachem Begin was Prime Minister he had caused the original plans for the building of the stadium at Shuafat, in the north of the city, to be cancelled and had appointed the committee that recommended the alternative site at Manahat.

Jerusalem's football fans want the stadium to be built before "the coming of the Messiah," Davara said.

The Prime Minister told the cabinet that he expected to hear a report on the stadium from the interior ministry's legal advisor in "one or two weeks."

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Comments on CBC Radio program

Second set of charges against Zundel dropped

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
In a brief court appearance, a second set of charges against pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel for spreading false news was dropped last week by the Crown.

The charges, which arose out of a January appearance on the CBC's Radio Noon Phone-in show, were "not supported by the evidence," said Crown counsel David Finley.

Finley, who was part of a 3-lawyer team which presented the prosecution case during Zundel's successful appeal of a 1985 conviction for denying the Holocaust, said "Zundel's comments were expressions of belief or opinion." Zundel said he *believed* there was no Holocaust, Finley said.

Under Section 177 of the Criminal Code — the false news section — it is only false statements of "facts," not of opinions or beliefs, that is subject to criminal sanctions, he said.

"Everyone is entitled to his opinion however distasteful," he told The CJN.

Sabina Citron, who laid the charges arising out of the radio show and who earlier began the prosecution of Zundel which led to his 8-week trial for denying the Holocaust, said she was "terribly upset" by the Crown's decision.

"It is not a proper way to deal with the issue," she said. "The charge was laid because the transgression was worse than the first one."

Citron, who was scheduled to be interviewed on the radio show, left the studio in anger when she learned Zundel would be sharing air time. She said she laid the charges because Zundel repeated his denial of the Holocaust and "accused the survivors of perjuring themselves at his first trial."

Several survivors testified at the Zundel trial about the horrors they experienced during the Holocaust. Zundel was on trial for publishing a pamphlet which claimed the Holocaust was a hoax perpetrated by Jews to extract reparations from West Germany.

The German-born publisher was convicted for spreading lies about the Holocaust but the Ontario Court of Appeal ordered a new trial because of errors in the jury selection process, the judge's charge to the jury and in the admission of evidence. The retrial is scheduled to begin on Jan. 4.

Citron said that depite the Crown refusing to proceed on her second set of charges, she will pursue the matter further. "We are taking certain steps, meeting with our lawyer," she said, though she declined to be more specific as to what actions, if any, she would now take.

Police charge WZO official

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —
The secretary-general of the World Zionist Organization, Haim Zohar, 62, has been remanded in custody by the magistrates' court here, on suspicion of abusing his position as director of two multi-million dollar funds for Jewish education to obtain bribes and kickbacks.

Edwin Shuker, 32, the former director of the Sephardi Education Centre in Jerusalem, was also remanded for seven days on suspicion of theft and bribery.

During the past year Shuker opened an agency called Kehilot to provide services to Sephardi communities around the world.

The police said that Zohar and Shuker had an arrangement for several years whereby Zohar received bribes and other benefits from Shuker. In return, Zohar allegedly helped Suker obtain grants from the funds in which Zohar played an influential role.

Zohar is the director of the Pincus Fund and the Joint Program for Jewish Education, which are funded by the Jewish Agency, the WZO and the government.

He served in the past as an Israeli consul in New York and is a former journalist.

The police also suspect Zohar of seeking or taking bribes from other institutions, and of attempting to extort sexual favors from his former secretary.

Shuker is suspected of defrauding the joint program by falsely reporting trips made to Israel by educators from abroad who were supposed to take part in activities in the Sephardi Educational Centre.

Shuker is also suspected of stealing $15,000 of a $75,000 grant made to the centre by the Pincus Fund.

Accept Israel: BB to Pope

TORONTO —
Leaders representing B'nai B'rith Canada have signed an open letter calling on the Pope to reverse the Catholic Church's position on its non-recognition of the State of Israel. The letter has been published in a recent edition of a local newspaper on the occasion of the Pope's visit to Fort Simpson, NWT.

"The blatant discrimination against the Jewish state is no longer acceptable. We urge the Vatican to extend full and formal diplomatic relations to the State of Israel," said the three national leaders.

The signatories of the document are: Ralph Snow, national president B'nai B'rith Canada; Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BBC; and Marilyn Wainberg, chairman of the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai B'rith.

Israeli civil servants plan walkout

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Approximately 150,000 workers in the public sector are to go on an "organized vacation" this week until after Rosh Hashanah.

The walkout will affect Israel's municipalities, institutes of higher education and national institutions, such as the Jewish Agency.

The "holiday" was called for by the Clerks Union in protest at what it termed the finance ministry's delaying tactics in the prolonged public sector wage negotiations.

Moshe Bet-Dagan, the union's secretary-general, said over the weekend that the Treasury is continually introducing new obstacles to prevent an agreement with the unions.

Kollek Nobel candidate?

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
An international delegation of mayors visiting Israel last week announced that they would work to nominate Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The 20 mayors, who were in Israel for the 8th Jerusalem Conference of Mayors, praised Kollek for promoting peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem

The mayors come from Amsterdam, Madrid, Galveston, West Hartford, and a variety of other cities in Europe and the United States.

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Gains seat in state parliament

German neo-Nazi elected

BONN (JTA) —

A candidate of a neo-Nazi party won a seat in the parliament of the federal state of Bremen in northern Germany last week, to the surprise and consternation of liberals and conservatives alike.

Hans Alterman, a right-wing extremist, represented the Deutsche Volksunion (DVU), a party headed by neo-Nazi Gerhard Frey. Frey publishes the Munich-based weekly Nazional Zeitung, which claims to have "scientific" proof that the Holocaust was a fiction and the gas chambers "Zionist propaganda."

Immediately after the election, representatives of all factions in the Buergerschaft (state parliament) held a joint press conference at which they vowed to stand firm against Alterman's ideas. Bremen Prime Minister Klaus Wedemeier, of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), banned Alterman from entering the Buergerschaft, municipal headquarters, though he will have access to parliament in a separate building.

The DVU won 3.5% of the vote, 1.5% short of the minimum needed for representation in the state parliament. But the Bremen constitution states it is sufficient for a party to obtain 5% of the popular vote in just one of the two municipalities comprising the state.

The neo-Nazis drew a striking 8.5% of the popular vote in Bremerhaven, Bremen's deep-water seaport at the mouth of the Weser.

Franz-Josepf Strauss, the conservative Bavarian leader, said in Munich that the liberal policies of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) allowed right-wing extremists to score gains with conservative voters. Strauss heads the Christian Social Union (CSU), the Bavarian sister party of the CDU.

Israeli drivers urged to show more caution

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has called on all Israel's drivers to show greater care behind the wheel.

In a reaction to what he termed "the agonizing bloodletting on the highways," Shamir said that the courts should mete out stiffer punishments to careless drivers, and that the media should carry on giving maximum exposure to the road accident issue, in order to make the public aware of the need to combat the plague of accidents.

As the cabinet discussed last week's alarming rise in road casualties, three more fatal accidents occurred, leaving three dead and five injured. One of those killed, 19-year-old Shoshana Aviguy, was the eighth soldier to die on the roads in the last 10 days.

The cabinet heard a report by Aetan Ben-Yehoshua, the head of the transport ministry's Road Safety Administration, but took no practical decisions whatever beyond the meagre moves it approved a fortnight ago.

At that time, the cabinet approved the recommendations of the ministerial committee on road safety to add to this year's transport ministry budget.

The sum was far less than what had been demanded by several ministers, including Transport Minister Haim Corfu, after the spate of road accidents in July and August.

Most of the outcry at the time was for the improvement of the country's roads, but a good portion of the money was to be allocated to the Road Safety Administration, which concentrates on public information campaigns. Ben-Yehoshua said at the end of last week, however, that the money had not yet been received.

Shamir, reminding his cabinet colleagues that the roads had claimed 21 victims last week, said the cabinet would keep the road accident situation under periodic review at its forthcoming sessions.

Labor Party appears set to wait for 1988 elections

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

The Labor Party will not renew its drive for early elections when the Knesset reconvenes for its fall session, Labor Party secretary-general Uzi Baram said last week.

In a meeting with political reporters in Tel Aviv, Baram repeatedly referred to November 1988 as the most likely date for elections.

At the same time, he acknowledged that there was no chance for a change in the government's attitude towards Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' drive to convene an international peace conference, implying that to all intents and purposes the matter would be placed on the back burner for at least another year.

Baram said Labor was anxiously waiting to hear the attitudes towards such a conference that would emerge from the forthcoming summit meetings between U.S. and Soviet leaders and foreign ministers.

He said that Peres would continue to promote the idea of the international conference in every possible forum.

UN report called balanced

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

In his annual report for 1987, released recently, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar implicitly blamed the Israeli government headed by Prime Minister Shamir for the absence of progress in convening an international conference for Middle East peace.

In the report, Perez de Cuellar wrote: "Unfortunately, it has not yet proven possible to obtain the agreement of all the parties to the principle of an international conference and this has hindered my efforts to make progress on the procedural issues" involved.

Senior Israel sources described the report as far more "balanced" and "convenient" for Israel than last year's.

In last year's report, the secretary-general spoke of the need to achieve a "comprehensive settlement" which would include a solution to the problem of "Palestine."

This year, Perez de Cuellar speaks of the need to negotiate a settlement that will meet the "aspirations" and "rights" of the Palestinians.

On the proposed international conference, Perez de Cuellar wrote that it must take "fully into account the rights of the Palestinians."

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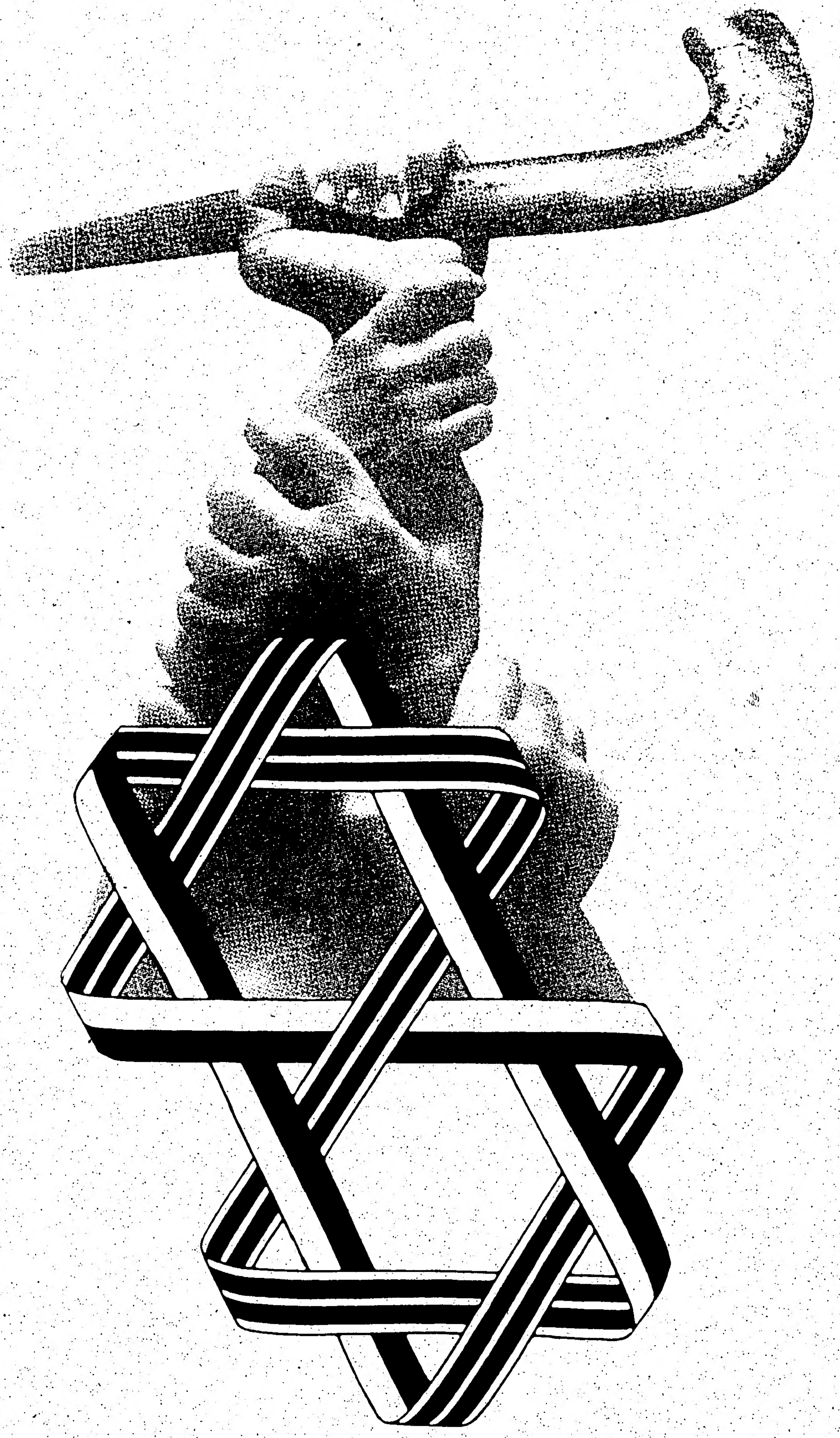

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

OUR NEW ADDRESS
A reminder that our new address is 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont., M3C 3A1. The phone number is 422-2331.

DEADLINE UPDATE
Sorry if you missed the Monday, Sept. 21, deadline for all material covering events through to the end of the Yom Tovim. I will be returning to the regular Monday deadlines (10 days prior to issue date) following the holidays. Hope your items can wait till then.

Saturday, Sept. 26

SHABBAT SHUVA ADDRESS
Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregartion, 3600 Bathurst St., will deliver the annual Shabbat Shuva address on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 5.30 p.m. His topic will be How To make Your Own Decisions.

Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, Sept. 27

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS
GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access And Dignity), a support group for grandparents, is holding its first fall meeting on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 1.30 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. Speakers will be grandparents and their success stories.

You do not have to have a problem to join GRAND, which was founded in 1983. Come out and give your support to those in need. There will be a small fee at the door for non-members to cover the cost of refreshments.

For information, call 469-5471 or 781-3343.

GARAGE SALE
The Business and Professional Women's Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT is holding a garage sale on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 103 Otter Cres. (Lawrence and Avenue Rd.). It will feature gently used clothing, hardware, gift wares, toys and such.

For information, call the ORT office at 787-0297.

BARGAINS GALORE
You will no doubt pick up lots of bargains in children's toys, clothing, housewares and collectibles at the garage sale sponsored by Markham-Unionville Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 273 Main St., Unionville.

Proceeds will go to support BBW programs and the Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Monday, Sept. 28

JOHN TURNER TO SPEAK
The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host a luncheon on Monday, Sept. 28, at noon at L'Hotel, 225 Front St. W.

Guest of honor will be Liberal leader **John Turner** who will address a topic of timely importance at the luncheon.

BOOK REVIEW
The Beth Sholom Synagogue library is sponsoring a book review on Monday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in the Teperman nursery. Well-known dramatist and reviewer **Nat Garnick** will review the book, My Mother's Sabbath Days by **Chaim Grade**.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

ORT CHAPTER MEETING
The Uptown Business and Professional Women's Chapter, Toronto Women's ORT, is holding its first meeting of the fall season on Monday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in the Eglinton-Bathurst area.

The program will focus on Networking for You and Me with lawyer **Karen Rubin** and neurologist **Dr. Lesley Corrin**

For more information on this and other ORT programs, call **Sonia Shron** at the ORT office at 787-0297.

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER
Diabetes and Sexuality and Life Styles is what **Dr. Irving Gottesman** of Mount Sinai Hospital will be discussing at the Jewish Diabetes Chapter meeting on Monday Sept. 28. Also on hand will be **Mary Buchanan**, executive director, Toronto and District Branch, Canadian Diabetes Association.

The time is 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Diabetes supplies will be available.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER, BBW
Nagillah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, a chapter for 40 plus single women, is having its opening meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Central Library, 2nd floor, 5120 Yonge St. The guest speaker, **Bea Wolfe**, will talk on Enjoy Being a B'nai B'rith Woman.

Admission is $2. For information, call **Eve** at 633-6368.

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN
Monday, Sept. 28, is the date of the Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario meeting when the speaker will be **Lynn Ziraldo, a parent of an asthmatic child and executive director, York Region Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. Her topic will be How You can Be an Effective Advocate at Your Child's School.**

The time is 8 p.m. at Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (one block north of Lawrence). New members are welcome.

For further information, call Elaine Rose at 881-8416 or **Joan Naert** at 292-6635.

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Tuesday, Sept. 29

OPENING SISTERHOOD MEETING —
Come drink a l'chaim to the new sisterhood year at the Adath Israel Sisterhood opening meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. Special guest speaker **Rachel Schlesinger** will speak on Everything Old is New Again: A Jewish View of Family Life. A discussion period will follow.

The charge is $2 members, $3 guests. For further information, call **Elaine Lambert** at 449-8128 or **Sally Ann Eisenberg** at 881-8733 or **Marlene Lovinsky** at 447-0785.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The Jewish Genealogical Society meets on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The program includes the election of new officers and the welcoming of new members for the upcoming year.

FRIENDS OF SCHIZOPHRENICS
The Metro Toronto Chapter of Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. at Dunvegan Hall, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St. Clair Ave. W.

William Sande, president of the Ontario Friends, will discuss Bill 190 — Crucial Changes to the Mental Health Act, particularly concerning those who can give consent for patients deemed incompetent, what constitutes incompetence and the review board.

PUBLIC FORUM
Dr. Jerry Tenenbaum, rheumatologist, Mount Sinai Hospital, will discuss Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis at a public forum sponsored by the Islington Branch of the Arthritis Society. It will take place Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. at Islington Church, 25 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Islington.

A question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

ABOUT ILEITIS & COLITIS
The Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, Toronto Chapter, is holding a general education meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Toronto General Hospital, nurses residence amphitheatre, 90 Gerrad St. W. The guest speaker will be **Dr. Peter Banks**, international expert in inflammatory bowel disease.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the Ontario Regional office at 920-5055.

Thursday, Oct. 1

CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERING
Celebrate volunteering on Thursday,, Oct. 1, from 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. at Yorkdale Shopping Centre. This is a chance to find out what you can do as over 50 agencies will be on display. There will also be entertainment.

The event, which is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Centre of Metro Toronto and the ministry of community and social services, will be opened at noon by former Ontario Lieutenant Governor **Pauline McGibbon**.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY
On the occasion of World Vegetarian Day, the Jewish Vegetarian Society will be making a presentation on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Building, 155 College St. The theme is Reverence for Life.

The film, We Are Noah, by **Tom Regan** will be shown. Guest speaker will be **Mike Schwab** of Canadian Vegans (a form of vegetarianism) for Animal Rights.

There will be time for book browsing from 7-7.30 p.m. Admission is $2 members and students, $3 non-members.

SWEET VICTORIES
Newly elected Toronto Jewish MPPs Chaviva Hosek (above) and Ron Kanter with his wife Enid (below) celebrate their victory at an election night party at Liberal headquarters.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB
The Women's Canadian Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 2.30 p.m. at the Royal York Hotel ballroom. The guest speaker will be **Robert Rumball**, minister to the deaf.

For more information, call the club office at 923-2900.

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This Sunday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., get a deeper look at the meaning and traditions behind Succoth, the Jewish thanksgiving. You will also learn how to celebrate this joyous holiday in your own home. There is a materials fee of $5. The charge is $5 JCC members, $8 non-members. Call **Sarah** at 924-6211 for details.

The JCC Valley North-East Singles Network invites you and your friends to a wine and cheese reception in honor of new members on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 8.30 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. There will be a deejay and refreshments. Single Network membership is $18. The charge for the reception is $5 for new members with membership, $5 for renewing membership and $10 for non-members. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813 or **Fran Feldman Dalal** at 731-5664 evenings...A break the fast dairy buffet is planned for Saturday, Oct. 3, at 8.30 p.m. Reservations are a must by Sept. 28. For information, call Sally or Fran at the above numbers.

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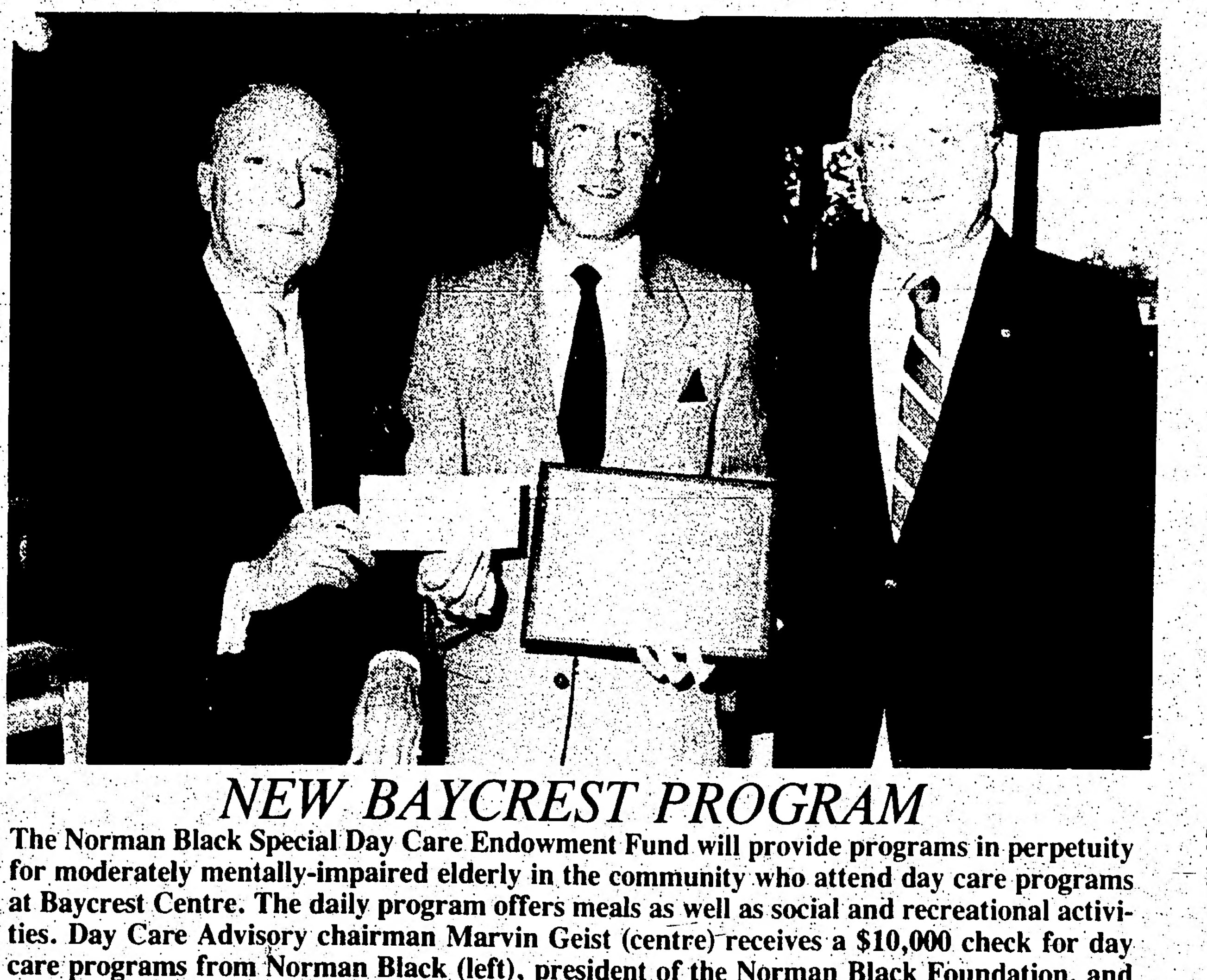

NEW BAYCREST PROGRAM
The Norman Black Special Day Care Endowment Fund will provide programs in perpetuity for moderately mentally-impaired elderly in the community who attend day care programs at Baycrest Centre. The daily program offers meals as well as social and recreational activities. Day Care Advisory chairman Marvin Geist (centre) receives a $10,000 check for day care programs from Norman Black (left), president of the Norman Black Foundation, and Ian Filshill, foundation director.

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What's New

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And What Else Is New...

ORT ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Toronto Women's ORT invites all members and friends to the annual awards dinner on Monday, Oct. 5, beginning at 6.30 p.m. at the Skyline Triumph Hotel, 2737 Keele St. (at Wilson). The guest speaker will be the one and only **J.B. Salsberg**.

Awards for chapter and individual achievement during the past year will be presented by **Harriet Morton**, national president, Women's Canadian ORT.

Couvert is $25 and reservations are a must, so call the ORT office at 787-0297.

AM ECHAD CONGREGATION

Am Echad Congregation will be holding High Holiday services at the Promenade Mall Cineplex Theatre and tickets are available to the public. To purchase tickets, call 764-0014 or send tax deductible donation to Am Echad at 103 Dundurn Cres., Thornhill, Ont. L3T 2C0. High Holiday services will also be held at the Markham Theatre at Warden and Hwy. 7, and at Northview Heights Secondary School, Bathurst and Finch. Tickets are $50 a seat. Membership for a family is $250 and seats are included.

If you are planning a bar mitzvah or offruf, pidyon haben, shalom zachor wedding or bris, join **Rabbi David Cooper** of Am Echad Congregation for a Simcha Workshop on Thursdays for a single night session. Classes are held at 103 Dundurn Cres. in Thornhill and at the Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St., Downsview. To register for this free workshop, call 764-0014.

Register now for a 3-night crash course in Hebrew reading for adults sponsored by Am Echad. Thornhill and Downsview classes are available. Call Rabbi Cooper at 764-0014.

BOOK REVIEW

At the book review sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood on Tuesday, Oct. 6, **Prof. Elaine Newton** will review The Handmaid's Tale by **Margaret Atwood**. Coffee is at 9.30 a.m. and the book review begins at 9.45.

The fee is $4 sisterhood members, $6 nonmembers. Babysitting is available on request at $3 per child. Call **Olivia** at the temple office at 789-3291 by Sept. 30.

For information, call **Susan Freedman** at 491-7427.

SEPARATION/DIVORCE EXPERIENCE

The Family Law Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario, in cooperation with the Canadian Bar Association - Ontario, The Law Society of Upper Canada and The Family Mediation Service of Ontario, holds regular programs for the general public on The Separation/Divorce Experience. These programs are non-profit with a registration fee of $30 to cover costs.

The next program will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Supreme Court of Ontario, 145 Queen St. W.

For further information, call 947-3496. Enrolment is limited, so call now.

SYMPHONY TICKETS FOR STUDENTS

The Toronto Symphony has announced that its rush seating policy will now apply exclusively to students and senior citizens. An effort will be made to make at least some rush seats (never less than 10%) available on the day of all Toronto Symphony performances, except those which are already sold out.

Rush seats are $8 and will be sold on a first come, first served basis upon presentation of valid ID (one ticket per ID, cash only) between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the day of each performance at the symphony box office located in the lower level of Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St.

BAYCREST TRANSLATION SERVICE

Baycrest Centre offers a unique translation service to its patients, residents and members. The program, coordinated by **Mona Brown**, was initiated this past February.

The 74 volunteers and 29 staff members who participate in the program provide translation services in Hungarian, Yiddish, Russian, Hebrew, Arabic, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Ukranian, Polish, Romanian and Finnish.

The aim of the program is to increase communication between patients, members and residents, and the professionals concerned with their care.

GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM

Applications for the City of North York's 1988 Grants-in-Aid program are now available.

Non-profit North York community organizations or organizations providing direct services to the North York community are eligible.

The Grants-in-Aid program is designed to promote the City of North York and to improve the quality of life in North York. The grants help to ensure that needed programs and services are available and will continue to be provided.

Forty-seven community organizations received over $400,000 in grants in 1987.

Deadline for applications is Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. To receive an application, call 224-6307 during regular business hours.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Leah Posluns Theatre School's fall course lineup is terrific!

There are still some spaces available in the acting courses for beginners and advanced students (children, teens and adults): scriptwriting with **Ken Gass** and advanced acting with **Lewis Baumander**. Also, book now for audition appointments for musical theatre course (17 years and older) with Lewis Baumander.

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ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING

The YWCA life skills department has been running successful Assertiveness Training programs designed to meet the professional and personal needs of women for the past six years. Two courses are being offered this fall — Assertiveness for the Working Woman, which will run Sept. 28-Nov. 23, and Assertiveness One, running Oct. 6-Nov. 24.

Courses are held from 7-9.30 p.m. at the YWCA, 2532 Yonge St. The fee for each course is $90 for eight sessions. Call 961-8100 to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canadian Mental Health Association sponsors a Rehabilitation Action Program to help people who have had treatment for emotional problems. Volunteers offer social support to partners on outings, attend group discussions and maintain ongoing contact by telephone.

If you are 18 years of age or older and can commit three hours per week to helping with this important program, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

LIBRARY EVENTS

The Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., is offering several interesting programs this week. They include the Willowdale Chess Club for ages 12 and up which will meet on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 27-Dec. 20... A discussion on Immune Deficiency Syndromes: Can We Protect Ourselves? with **Marilyn Dunlop**, author of Body Defenses, on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7.30-9 p.m...The general and student reference department's open house on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 3-6 p.m...The Reader As A Critic series beginning Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 7-8.30 p.m. with Diary Writing.

COUPLES BOWLING CLUB

Attention, newly married and soon to be married couples between the ages of 20 and 40! Couples Bowling Club has started its first season. The next bowling date is Sept. 26.

If you are interested in becoming part of this group, call **Jeff** at 221-9641 after 6 p.m.

for seniors

The JCC North-East Vally Club Chaverim, 7015 Leslie St., has meetings every Monday afternoon from 1-3 (excluding holidays). Come out and join this congenial group for bingo, games, movies, speakers and entertainment. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. There will be a lecture by **Helen Cooper** on Jews in Arab Lands. The charge is $1 members, $2 guests. For information, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

There will be no meeting of the **Good Age Club** at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) on Thursday, Sept. 24, but do join the group next Thursday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of interest and good company.

Coffeehouse 60 is putting together a musical review. If you have a bit of talent or just enjoy singing and good times, be sure to be there on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the Bloor Y.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and bingo. Non-members are always welcome. To inquire about the Miami trip, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program, a non-sectarian, free, supportive service for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Monday from 1.30-3 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 28. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 1.30 p.m., **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** features **Julius Sokoloff** in a program of Jewish humor entitled A Laugh or Two.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Members have a pleasant afternoon of cards, chess and discussions. Light lunches are available...Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. with refreshments served...Every Tuesday morning at 10, the Cultural Club discusses a topic of current interest.

The Wagman Centre's annual book sale arranged by the Lipa and Fanny Green Library Committee takes place Monday, Sept. 28, from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m in the Saul A. & Isabel Silverman Court on the ground floor of Baycrest Hospital (in front of the gift shop), 3560 Bathurst St. This is a chance to pick up some good used books at 25¢ for paperbacks and 50¢ for hard covers...Programs and concerts featured in the Assembly Room of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave., include bingo on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 2-3 p.m. and musical program by guitarist-singer **Nancy Anderson** on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Upper Canada Friendship Club, 4266 Bathurst St., (the B'nai B'rith building), held a very successful free picnic in Earl Bales Park recently. It was arranged by **Dora Posluns** and **Rae Fergus** with volunteers **Zelovi Liner, Myer Collins, Moishe Resnick, Sally Goldstein, Max Goldstein, Misha Zelnick, Mita Monizak, Helen Ianco, Sam Reiman, Pearl Rosenshine, Harry Pearlstein** and **Faygie Webber**.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting a seminar entitled A Special Gift for Grandchildren with **Stan Shoolman**, representative of the Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). The date is Thursday, Oct. 1, at 1.30 p.m.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. The charge is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Sept. 30 features a High Holiday concert with **Nat Garnick** and **Nathan Rosen**. The time is 1.30 p.m. and the cost is $1.25 members, $1.75 nonmembers. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment.

The Friendship Circle for people over 55 and on their own will be meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the music room. The program will include an interesting video flick. This is for Friendship Circle members only. The charge is $1. For further information, call **Norma** at 225-2112.

About People

USDS VICE-PRINCIPAL

Edwin Frankel

The board of directors of the United Synagogue Day School has announced the appointment of **Edwin Frankel** as the new vice-principal of the Hebrew studies department. He will be involved in the Hebrew studies of all three campuses — Bathurst, Bayview and Richmond Hill.

Mr. Frankel has recently moved to Toronto with his family from Peabody, Mass., outside of Boston, where he was director of education of a congregational religious school. He has a degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, as well as a Masters degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He has also been attending the New York University department of Hebrew education and culture as a doctoral candidate.

Mr. Frankel has been involved in Jewish education for many years and has served in schools and in bureaus in the U.S., both in congregational and day school education.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Karen at 422-2528.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: **New Years Singles Party** at Le Club, **Inn on the Park** (Leslie/Eglinton). Sunday, September 27, 8:00 p.m. Sid 222-7111.

Party for **College and University — Educated** men and women ages **25-45**. By membership. High Society 783-8520.

ISRAELI CAMPERS

This summer, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada sponsored 48 Israeli children at Camp B'nai B'rith in Montreal and 14 children at Camp Northland/B'nai B'rith in Haliburton, Ont. Their trip to Canada to spend five to six weeks at camp and touring was a gift to them during their bat/bar mitzvah year. As all of their fathers had served in the Israeli armed forces and had been killed defending Israel, the youngsters who participated were chosen by the Israeli military. During a visit to Niagara Falls, a group of Israeli campers was joined by BBW president Ruth Rose (left) as they prepared for a ride on the Maid of the Mist.

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Not end in itself, says Dinitz

Peace conference viewed only as a "vehicle"

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —
An international peace conference is only the "vehicle" to bringing about peace, not a goal in itself, says Simcha Dinitz, Knesset member and former ambassador to the United States.

The keynote speaker at the opening of Na'amat Canada's (formerly Na'amat Pioneer Women of Canada) triennial convention in Toronto, Dinitz said, "We want direct negotiations with every Arab country" but, leaders such as Jordan's King Hussein need an "international auspice as an opener for negotiation."

Former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's "courageous example was not followed" because of moderate Arabs' fear of the extremists in the Arab world, said Dinitz who served as Israel's ambassador in Washington from 1974 to 1979.

He told the delegates that the decision to stop production of the Lavi fighter plane was necessary, despite the controversy, to make the economy and Israeli defence stronger.

Dinitz said Israel cannot compete in finished products such as airplanes, guns and boats but must concentrate on developing human talents and research for the creation of sophisticated systems to run those products.

He said the drastic measures taken by the national unity government in its first two years to reduce inflation were essential because a weak economy is "an invitation to Israel's enemies to attack. . . . Israel must not project an image of weakness."

Dinitz added: "It is a sign of strength that we want to do everything to gain peace" and that Israel can only demand of its young to fight if she has pursued all avenues of peace.

Simcha Dinitz receives congratulations and a gift of appreciation from Tillie Margolis, incoming national president of Na'amat Canada.

About 600 delegates attended the Na'amat convention, an organization founded on the principles of Zionism and equal rights for women.

Masha Lubelsky, head of Na'amat Israel which runs a network of daycare centres, vocational high schools and community centres, said at the opening that "we do not want to become another South Africa" — a minority ruling over a vast majority. It is therefore crucial to find a solution for the administered territories, she said.

Dinitz explained that the reduction of inflation from 600% to between 15 and 20% was achieved at the expense of cuts in the social, health and education fields making the work of organizations such as Na'amat Canada crucial. "Double and triple your efforts," he said.

At another forum on the topic of peace, Ann Medina, a CBC journalist who has reported extensively from the Middle East, said "events (in the Middle East) take on a logic and momentum of their own" which defy the logic and planning of even the experts.

Medina said it is not only in Israel that the threat of war exists but in Arab countries as well and it doesn't matter what is right or wrong but "what people fear."

She said it is impossible to predict the prospects for peace but hopes the absence of fighting and "little tiny steps" will lead in that direction.

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These holy days mirror also the dual themes of universalism and particularism; the requirement that we as Jews be concerned with Tikun Olam - the maintenance and improvement of God's world - but that we do so within the context of strengthening our identities as Jews.

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Let's UJA Talk...

Health Professions Chairmen are shown at opening meeting. Seated from left are: Dr. Scarlat Albright, Optometrists; Dr. Howard Stevens (co-ordinator); Dr. Nechama Baum, Psychologists; and Campaign Co-chairman Harold Lederman. Standing are: Dr. Eric Ginsberg, Veterinarians; Dr. Phil Martin, Chiropractors; and Physicians Co-chairmen Drs. Stuart Gordner and Morris Goldfinger.

It must be a good omen for the coming months that we begin this year's column with the Rosh Hashanah edition.

From the hugely successful opening dinner on August 26 right up until now, it's been non-stop meetings, functions and activity ... and this is just the beginning, folks!

Where to begin?

September, 1987 could be renamed "UJA Mini-Mission" month. Just this past week there were three. Leading off was the five-day **Israel Fly-In**, organized under the leadership of **Paul Morton** and **Neil Nisker**. Thirty-five participants had the rare opportunity of experiencing an intense insider's look at life in today's Israel, highlighting UJA's role in the funding of vital social services.

And how about the one-day Major Gifts Mission to Washington! This is the third annual trek to the U.S. capital and was so well organized through the remarkable teamwork of **Bill Kassel** and **Paul Slavens**, a second plane was chartered to accommodate the overflow of eager participants who decided they didn't want to miss this special day.

And finally, the two-day Women's Campaign New York Mission, led by **Susan Borden**. This trip to the Big Apple attracted 45 women who met the criteria of a minimum $1,800 pledge.

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The past week also included **Super Sunday**. There will be a full account of that special event in a later edition, so we won't go into any details now, except to say it was another blockbuster, with Chairmen **Albert Kerzner** and **Paul Rothstein** at the helm.

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Coming right up on the heels of Super Sunday was a cocktail reception at the Sheraton Centre sponsored by the Investment Division.

The format for this year's program featured two guests - **Gerald W. Schwartz**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Onex Corporation, and wellknown author and humorist, **Alan Gould**. Program Chairmen were **Allen Eisen** and **Andrew Gutman**.

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A wonderful unexpected bonus for canvassers was the appearance, on very short notice, of Orot Hashchuna, the troupe of singing-and dancing teenagers from Project Renewal communities, who are currently touring the country.

Short notice or not, they packed the Leah Posluns Theatre for an evening of unbridled fun. Following the program emceed with profesional aplomb by Project Renewal Co-chairman **Michael Benjamin**, the youngsters literally had the audience dancing in the aisles.

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UJA Day, the annual community-wide Women's Campaign/Jewish Women's Federation/Business & Professional Women's Network function, starts next Tuesday evening, September 29 and continues on Wednesday, September 30 with a morning panel and luncheon program. Both programs will be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Planned under the overall chairmanship of **Carol Kassel**, along with **Irene Berkowitz** and **Shelley Fisher** (evening program chairmen) and co-ordinator **Paula Schecter**. the topic is "Making headlines."

Both programs will focus on how the media treats Jewish issues in the news and the resulting impact on the shaping of attitudes in the Western world and in Israel.

An impressive lineup of media personalities has been assembled for what promises to be a terrific program for both the evening and following day.

On Tuesday registration begins at 7:15 p.m. for a fee of $12.00, which includes a light supper. To reserve, call 635-2883, ext. 172.

Wednesday's registration starts at 9:00 a.m. for $5.00. Luncheon at 12:30 is an additional $15.00. For reservations call 635-2883, ext. 135.

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The Young Executives and Professionals Division has conjured up an unusual evening for October 1. It's a "murder mystery evening" organized by **Sandy Bishansky, Sheree Davis** and **Gail Midanik**.

Scene of the "crime" is the P.W.D. Dinkel's Nightclub at 88 Yorkville Avenue. The mayhem begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be solved by 9:00 p.m. So all you amateur sleuths, if you want to fulfill a fantasy of playing Sherlock Holmes or whatever, we suggest you call 635-2883, ext. 172 NOW for details. Space is very limited.

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Margolis installed as president at convention

New Na'amat head praises organization's role

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO — "Our founders were feminists long before it was popular in the forefront of the fight for equality," said Tillie Margolis, new national president of Na'amat Canada (formerly Na'amat Pioneer Women of Canada).

The Torontonian gave her acceptance speech at the organization's recent triennial convention which saw the installation of a new executive.

Na'amat Canada is an important force raising more than $2.5 million every three years and supporting women's rights here and in Israel, Margolis told the closing banquet.

Some 600 delegates from across Canada attended the 3-day convention of the organization which was founded in 1925 and now has 4,000 members in Canada. Na'amat is active in 13 countries and focuses on improving the lives of working women, children and families.

In Israel, it operates daycare centres, vocational high schools, day/night homes for children in distress and community centres.

Florence Simon, the outgoing national president, accepted a certificate in honor of her term of office and vowed to remain actively involved in the organization.

Pearl Mekler, a past national president, installed the following officers to the national board: Rhona Blanshay (vice-president), Etty Danzig (vice-president), Erika Bloom (vice-president), Sharon Bronstone (vice-president), Barbara Wiseman; Rose Rosenblum, Layah Borod, Beryl Nahornick, and Bess Direnfeld-Plosker.

The portfolio chairmen are: Mollie Rothman, Marilyn Myers, Shifrah Alleson, Miriam Mendelson, Raizel Spector, Florence Simon, Ruth Leroy, Ethel Malek, Ruth Booth, Sandra Miller, Freda Brass, Beryl Nahornick, Bess Direnfeld-Plosker, Manya Steele, Norma Barkin, Malka Mirsky, Lana Coviensky, Irma Ziskin, and Sarah Ross.

In a keynote address, Masha Lubelsky, head of Na'amat Israel, said the goal of Na'amat is to build a society in Israel based on social justice.

She said members must be willing to be politically involved and believe that "political is not a dirty word."

Lubelsky cited Na'amat's lobbying to change a law forcing women in Israel to retire at 60 while men may work to 65 as an example of the political action needed to fight discrimination.

She said Na'amat is meeting the needs of working women in Israel by providing daycare for 25,000 children and other services.

With over 50,000 Arab members, Na'amat promotes tolerance between Arabs and Jews by organizing programs such as visits to Arab families during Moslem holidays, she said.

During a luncheon address, Manitoba Senator Mora Spivak, the first Jewish woman appointed to the Upper House and the daughter of an active Na'amat member, provided an overview of the social issues facing Canadian Jewish women.

She spoke of the importance of economic equality, a national daycare policy and more women in the courts, the legislature and the senate.

Highlights of the convention included a fashion show featuring the designs of Israeli students attending a vocational high school for disadvantaged girls as well as workshops on various topics such as the future of Zionism, women in the work force, women in politics and hate literature.

Mollie Rothman, the national Jewish education chairman for the past term, announced the winners of a Na'amat essay contest in honor of the birthday of David Ben-Gurion, the first prime minister of Israel.

Ronit Alpert, 15, of Bialik Hebrew Day School in Toronto and Danny Ritter, 16, of Bialik Hebrew High School in Montreal won first prize in their age category.

Two new projects in Israel were announced at the convention: a Toronto project — the building of a vocational school in Hadera, and a national project — the building of a family centre in Hod Hasharon for latchkey children and senior citizens.

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Members of Orot Hashchuna pose backstage with (bottom row starting from left) Michael Benjamin, UJA Project Renewal co-chairman; Harold Lederman, 1988 UJA Campaign co-chairman; Judy Scheininger, UJA Women's Campaign chairman; and Herb Rosenberg, president of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Orot Hashchuna packs them in

UJA volunteers entertained

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —
An enthusiastic audience of United Jewish Appeal volunteers recently packed the Leah Posluns Theatre to be treated to the sight and sounds of Orot Haschchuna — a musical troupe of 16 youths from Project Renewal neighborhoods and towns in Israel.

Orot Hashchuna (Lights of Our Neighborhood) was formed when the Jewish Agency determined that the emerging positive new spirit in Renewal areas could best be demonstrated to Diaspora Jewry through young people.

The members of the troupe, who range in age from 17 to 22, clearly conveyed that essence, as well as appreciation for the difference Project Renewal has made in their lives.

Adding extra poignancy was the participation of Yigal Alkobi, from Toronto's Project Renewal twin community of Beit Dagan. Through UJA locally, two distressed areas in Israel have drawn partnerships with Toronto Jewry: Beit Dagan, and the Rehovot neighborhood of Kfar Gvirol.

In human and physical terms, the change wrought in Beit Dagan during its 7-year twinning with Toronto is a role model for other community-to-community pairings, while the Kfar Gvirol relationship is in its second year, UJA officials say.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Michael Benjamin, who co-chaired Toronto's Project Renewal undertaking with Marty Goldberg.

Benjamin "worked" the night in black-tie and performed a multiple of functions including narration of a slide show depicting UJA's contribution to the changing face of Beit Dagan, and presenting members of the troupe individually at program's end.

In between, the energetic young men and women filled the theatre with a range of traditional and modern Hebrew songs, and won the hearts of those who came to see and hear them.

With lyrics put to melody by Avi Dor and Yoram Tzadok, Orot Haschchuna's director and musical director respectively, the song A Neighborhood is More perhaps best summed up what Project Renewal is all about:

We were in darkness
We had lost our way
Until good people came out
And lit up our day.
Now the streets are laughing
Our friends can see the sunlight
Dreams are for the asking
Everything will turn out right.

In Toronto, home hospitality was extended to the young Israelis by UJA mission members who first saw them perform in Israel and subsequently developed personal ties with them.

This perpetuates the people-to-people aspect which has become an integral part of the Project Renewal theme, organizers said.

Orot Haschchuna is appearing in Canada under auspices of the UJA and the Jewish Agency, and will be performing in other Jewish communities across the country in the weeks to come.

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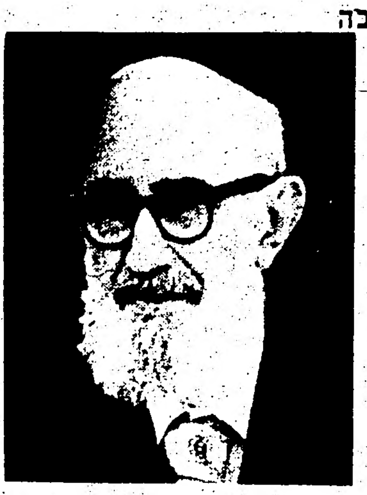

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Organizations and People

Rabbi Elliot Feldman of Kehillat Shaarei Torah (left) is seen with Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanu-el who holds a book on peace presented to the temple by the Orthodox congregation. [Graphic Artists photo]

Thanks Reform Temple for kindness

Orthodox shul gets scrolls

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — With thanks and in the hope that "we can work together to spread the word of peace, kindness and Torah to the Bayview community," Roy Arluck, president of Kehillat Shaarei Torah, an Orthodox congregation, presented a numbered book on peace to Reform Temple Emanu-El.

Temple Emanu-El has given a temporary home to Kehillat Shaarei Torah while its permanent quarters are being built. The temple's spiritual leader, Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, was an active and vocal supporter in the zoning difficulties the Orthodox synagogue went through during the building period.

Temple vice-president Janice Segel accepted the gift "in the spirit of true friendship," a demonstration that "our similarities can prevail while our differences disappear." Segal was instrumental in organizing a fund raising dinner on behalf of Kehillat Shaarei Torah.

Bielfeld and Kehillat Shaarei Torah spiritual leader Rabbi Eliot Feldman spoke of the harmonious relationship that had developed between the two congregations.

Accompanied on the first leg of the journey by children from Temple Emanuel religious school, Kehillat Shaarei Torah's Torah scrolls were carried under the traditional chuppah (marriage canopy) in procession along Old Colony Rd. and down Bayview to the still uncompleted building. Richard Idels and Yehuda Gilden of the Nafshenu Orchestra led an enthusiastic and constantly growing crowd of people from both congregations and the general community.

The procession was joined at the new synagogue by Orthodox Rabbis Yitzchok Kerzner, Baruch Taub, Mordechai Ochs and Moshe Lowy.

Rabbi Neal Harris of New York, whom Dr. Gerry Urbach, event chairman, described as "a good friend to our rabbi and to the congregation," led the service of installing the Torah scrolls. Dr. Joel Cooper and Joseph Dubrofsky, major supporters of the project, were given the honor of putting the scrolls into the new ark.

Guest speaker Rabbi Robert Hirt, vice-president of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, spoke of the special partnership that has existed between Yeshiva University and Kehillat Shaarei Torah. He exhorted the audience to remember that "there is something precious about being the first" to establish an Orthodox presence in the Bayview area.

According to the souvenir book prepared for a fund raising dinner for the synagogue several days earlier, Rabbi Gedaliah Felder, head of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Orthodox Division, encouraged Kehillat Shaarei Torah to use the facilities of Temple Emanu-El.

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Dr. Joel Cooper was honored for his medical innovations at a Sheraton Centre tribute dinner to raise funds for Kehillat Shaarei Torah and Toronto General Hospital.

Cooper drew praise from medical colleagues from Toronto General, his former teacher Dr. Hermes Grillo of Massachusetts General Hospital, and his good friend Dr. Anthony Rebuck of Toronto Western Hospital and the University of Toronto.

Rebuck presented a slide presentation detailing Cooper's accomplishments in the transplant field, "the first successful heart-and-lung transplants in the world."

Kehillat Shaarei Torah president Roy Arluck told the 450 people at the dinner of Cooper's major fund raising efforts on behalf of the synagogue.

Tributes were also paid to Cooper by Gerry Weiner, federal minister of state for immigration; MP William Attewell; Cooper's father, Rabbi Samuel Cooper of West Virginia; and lung transplant recipient Tom Hall, a patient of Cooper.

On behalf of all the transplant survivors (several of whom were present at the dinner), Hall thanked Cooper "for the breath of life."

Rabbi Eliot Feldman and dinner chairperson Jocelyn Beigel presented the honoree with a hand-engraved copy of Maimonides' *Tefillot Rofeh*, the traditional Jewish physicians' prayer.

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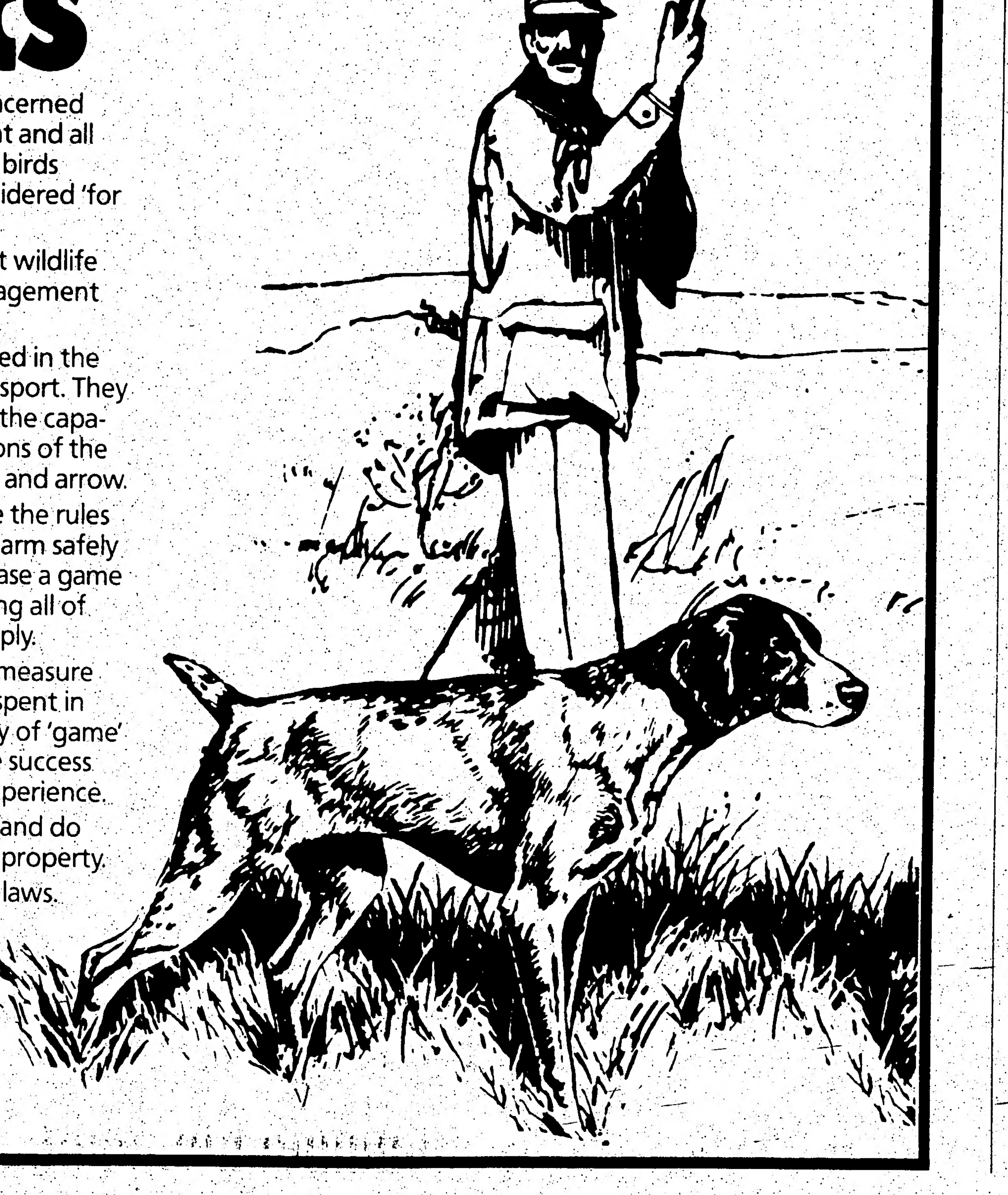

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Toronto synagogue joins efforts to free Bialys

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO — Beth Tikvah Synagogue has recently joined forces with various American groups on behalf of its adopted Refusenik family of Leonid Bialy and Judith Ratner.

The synagogue, which adopted the family in January, keeps in touch with Ratner's sister, Marina, who lives in San Francisco, Social Action Committee member Stan Solomon said.

When the two sisters' 82-year-old mother, Katzia Ratner, came to Washington from her home in Rehovot, Israel to launch a special campaign for her daughter whom she has not seen in 14 years, Solomon reports she had a request of his congregants and Canadians.

"A petition was sent around Congress and 60 Congressmen signed it. They asked us to do the same with Parliamentarians," he said.

"We called Bill Attewell (chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry) and he was good enough to take the petition to Ottawa (from his Toronto constituency office). We got signatures from more than 50 MPs."

The elderly woman presented both petitions to the Soviet ambassador in Washington.

Solomon said that secrecy charges are being used against the couple, who have been refused since 1978. She is a metallurgist and he's an electronic engineer, said to have acquired the secret data during his work.

"It's a red herring because he hasn't worked in that field since 1972."

Ratner has been an instrumental force in creating a second women's activist group called Women Refuseniks Struggling to Leave the USSR, which started in Moscow and now is making contact with women in other cities.

An active member of the group is Ida Nudel on whose behalf it launched an appeal and had 23 Refusenik signatures on a petition asking Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to allow her the right to live in Moscow.

"The fact that they use the term struggle is important because glasnost gives the false impression that emigration is easy," Solomon said.

In a letter to two congregants, Sheila and Abe Birenbaum of Willowdale, the Soviet couple writes that their son Misha has applied to leave separately.

"The authorities tried their hardest not to accept the documents on the pretext that they have no close relatives in Israel. According to the Soviets, grandmothers are not close relatives. After a tough time, we managed to have them accept the documents.

"Now all we can do is wait for results. We hope they allow our youngsters to go because there are no valid reasons to refuse them," they wrote.

The congregation stays in touch with and offers moral support to the Soviet couple through letters and telephone calls placed by Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights.

Meanwhile, Intrator, Sharon Polansky, chairman of Temple Sinai Congregation's Soviet Jewry Committee, and her daughter Erin placed a telephone call to the synagogue's adopted family, Mark and Ada Lvovsky of Moscow, just prior to Erin's bat mitzvah. She is twinned with the Lvovsky's daughter Dana.

The couple was reached at a farewell party for Michael and Oxana Kholmiansky, the eve before their departure for Israel.

Polansky noted that soon after the conversation began the Soviets "blocked" the call — the Refuseniks could not hear what the Canadians said. She adds that the Lvovskys and the others at the party "were happy some old-time Refuseniks were beginning to get permission" to exit.

In commenting on the recent release of many long-term Refuseniks; they told her: "The departure of old Refuseniks gives us hope we'll all get out ... We all here pray to leave and that's all we think about."

In refusal 16 years, Lvovsky, a chemical engineer who has been working as a carpenter for the past 12 years, calls himself "a military hostage."

When he went to the ministry where he worked 20 years ago, he was told by an official that he would not be granted permission to emigrate until there was a chemical weapons disarmament agreement between the USSR and the U.S.

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Erin Polansky is seen with a poster of her bat mitzvah twin, Dana Lvovsky of Moscow.

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Conservative group seeking alliances

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Officers of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism are willing to talk to other groups who may want to form some sort of alliance, Rabbi Ronald Price, its executive director, said here recently.

Rabbi David Novak, an executive officer, and one of the founders, said, "Our title is negotiable," and remarked that "liberal conservatives are willing to establish ties with us."

They spoke at the 4th annual conference of the UTCJ at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, the first such conference held in Canada, attended by 250 people.

Statements by keynote speakers and from the floor by participants left little doubt that the Jewish Theological Seminary's decision to ordain women as rabbis and cantors is the wedge that has split the Conservative movement. Rabbi Price described it as a "clear breach" of Halachah.

Novak, whose congregation is Darchay Noam in Far Rockaway, NY, said Toronto's leading conservative synagogues should be the model for North America because they are so successful in earning commitment from their members.

Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah Congregation, a member of a panel on the Traditional Approach to Halachah said women can recite the kaddish memorial prayer. Answering a question from the floor, he said, "We can encourage women's prayer groups," but added that this was not an official position.

Rabbi Philip Scheim was the host rabbi for the 1-day conference which dealt head on with many controversial questions.

Rabbi Gerald Sussman, an executive member of UTCJ, asked the panel, "Should we encourage women to participate in ritual?"

Novak replied: "If we can work it out within Halachah we will. If we can't, we can't."

A figure of much interest at the conference was Rabbi David Weiss Halivni, Professor of Religion, Columbia University, and chairman of the UTCJ Panel of Halachic Inquiry.

He led the boycott four years ago by senior rabbis of the Jewish Theological Seminary's vote to ordain women and he resigned from the seminary when the decision was announced.

Asked by Scheim about his present attitude, Halivni said: "When the chips are down, I will talk to the people I daven (pray) with. I cannot live without davening."

Barbara Kelman, of Toronto, assistant national director of Women's Canadian ORT and interim chairman of the Ontario Film Review Board, was a member of a panel on the future of UTCJ. "The Conservative movement is too wishy-washy," she said. I want it back on the tracks. I want it to have clear direction set by its rabbis and cantors."

She went on to say that a lot of what the future should offer is already available at her own synagogue, Beth Tzedec. "We are blessed with leaders who are traditional."

Kelman said she would not respond to the question about women's place in the movement, "because it is a non-issue in my perspective."

Rabbi Allan Nadler of Milwaukee startled the conference when he announced from the floor that he has resigned from his post at a congregation in Sheboygan, and is leaving the rabbinate to pursue a doctorate.

"For a right-wing rabbi there is no place to go," he remarked. He added that his congregation left United Synagogues of America after 30 years. "I feel lost and there are lots like me," he said. "The only hope is the UTCJ."

Sam Cohen, of Adath Israel Synagogue, president of UTCJ in Canada, told the conference luncheon that it is important for an observant Jew to be comfortable in a conservative synagogue.

Rabbi Price said when the UTCJ was formed some critics said it was a remnant of New Yorkers with nowhere to go. But on its fourth anniversary the number of affiliated rabbis has risen to 400 from 125 and the number of families to nearly 5,000 from 500.

As to the charge that it speaks only for New Yorkers, Price said 65% of its membership lies outside of New York. "We were in the right place, at the right time and with the right idea," he said.

He added: "We're willing to talk to everyone. Many questions remain open. We're the only representative body espousing traditional Judaism and standing firmly for halacha observance."

Rabbi Edward Gershfield, a native of Winnipeg, and professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary, said it is a hard time to be a moderate, considering the factions pulling away from the centre.

Horace Bier of Irvington, NJ, was re-elected president of UTCJ. Harold Cohen of the host synagogue, a board member of UTCJ of Canada, was chairman of the conference.

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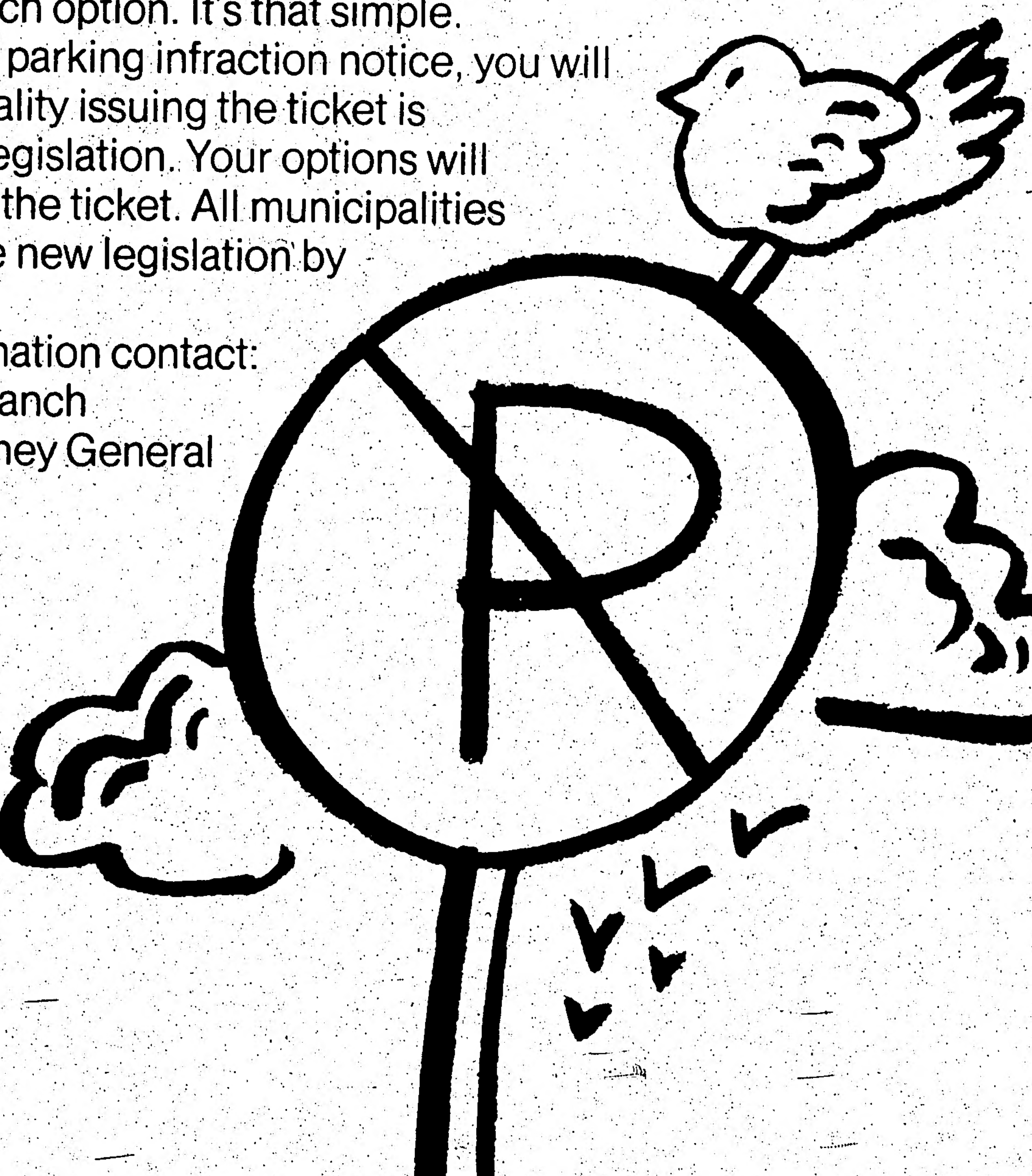

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Memorial chapel installs officers

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Praising the volunteers from every Jewish organization who make a single contribution, Rabbi Moishe Stern, of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, installed the board of management of Steeles-College Memorial Chapel at its annual dinner recently at Adath Shalom Synagogue.

The four officers, Harvey Lister, president; Gordon Donsky, 1st vice-president; Emanuel Don, second vice-president; and Mike Rogow, secretary-treasurer, all beginning their second 2-year term, were installed by North York controller Norman Gardner.

Gardner, who is a member of the Metro Toronto Police Commission, also paid tribute to the excellent communal services being given by Steeles-College Memorial Chapel. He cited instances where the officers and staff had shown great sensitivity in dealing with families.

It was reported at the meeting that $65,000 was distributed to various Jewish charities last year by Steeles-College Memorial Chapel.

After the installation, the 220 diners heard selections by Cantor Chaim Weiner of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Members of the Board of Management installed were: Harry Bader, Max Friedman, Maurice Grafstein, Henry Lederman, Morris Manna, Ernie Marmurek, Abraham Oziel, Harvey Poch, Art Segal, Altor Shields and Lou Zeifman.

Objections to autopsies on religious grounds are taken seriously by coroners and police, but in some instances the authorities go ahead with the autopsies anyway, Coroner Dr. Elie Cass said.

He added that he has been able to convince members of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations to permit an autopsy when there is urgent reason for it.

The inquests and 5-member public juries serve a valuable function in hearing details of unusual deaths and making recommendations.

Recently, Cass said, a 94-year-old man in a wheelchair was left alone on the floor of a nursing home near a cleaning cart. He poured cleaning fluid over his clothes and set himself afire. He later died in hospital from burns.

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Organizations and People

Prevented massacre in Hungary

Righteous Gentile Almasy honored

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Tibor Almasy

TORONTO —

On Thursday, March 28, 1945, Tibor Almasy was confronted with a difficult situation.

World War II was coming to an end and the Soviet army was advancing on his Royal Hungarian Army position at Sopron, near the Austrian border. Almasy, a first lieutenant, was left in command after his superior officers had fled to the West.

Meanwhile, a ragged group of 360 Jewish slave laborers were brought to the base and put in his charge. Word of the arrival of Jews living in the army barracks reached the Arrow Cross, local fascist collaborators who had earlier taken part in the massacre of Jews in Hungary.

What followed was a series of events over a 2-day period which tested Almasy's character and which would, 42 years later, lead the Yad Vashem Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem to declare him a Righteous Gentile.

Members of the Arrow Cross came to the base and informed Lt. Almasy that " 'these people have to be liquidated or turned over to the SS.' "

Almasy, playing for time, recalls he "explained to the officer that the Jewish people were innocent individuals and there was no reason anything should happen to them."

Having delayed the murderers, he consulted with a Dr. Levy, his liaison with the Jewish group.

Almasy then had some sheets painted with the sign "Beware of typhus epidemic" which he placed on the barracks housing the slave laborers.

Inside, the Jews — having been fed and having exchanged their work clothes with the yellow stars of David for army uniforms — awaited their fates.

That evening at 7 p.m. the Soviet army took over the barracks without firing a shot. The Jews inside were saved.

For his act of defiance and bravery, Almasy was last week awarded with a medal of honor from the State of Israel — the country's greatest civilian award — at a ceremony at the Israeli consulate.

In presenting the award, Consul-General Benjamin Abileah noted "it is important to honor those who opposed the genocide with the risk of their lives."

Almasy, a modest, self-effacing man who shuns the spotlight, believes he did "nothing special. It was my duty...that as a human being it was the least I could do."

In the brief ceremony honoring Almasy, Joel Dimitry, representative of Yad Vashem in Toronto, quoted the Talmud that "he who saves one person, it is as if he saved the world."

Survivor Nathan Leipciger, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, said that when they were liberated, the survivors felt "the whole world was against us. Your actions give us hope that not all are against us," he said.

Other words of appreciation were delivered by Lewis Moses on behalf of the Toronto Jewish community and Rabbi Zoltan Zagon of the Temple of Martyrs of the Hungarian Jewish community.

Following the war, Almasy, 74, served in the Hungarian home guard as a major and later as a supervisor of civil engineering works. He fled Hungary in 1956 following the uprising which the Soviet Union suppressed.

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The dinner — to be held at the synagogue at 100 Elder St. — will feature guest speaker Yoram Aridor, a former Israel finance minister.

Polish immigrant Max Mandel has spent much of his life helping the Jewish community.

As president of the Lagover Mutual Benefit Society, he has raised funds for the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish National Fund as well as donated an ambulance to Israel's Mogen David Adom through the Histadrut.

Max — a life member of Associated Hebrew Schools and the Men's Service Group of Baycrest — is married to Blima. They have four children, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Their son, Albert, has followed his father's example in community work. Over the years Albert has acted as chairman of the UJA Footwear Division, been a member of the board of governors and fund raising chairman for the Beth Emeth synagogue.

He has also been fund raising chairman of Ontario Place's Israel Day and has twice participated in the UJA study and fact finding mission to Israel.

Albert and his wife, Hilda, have three children, Cathryne, Tracy and Robert, and six grandchildren.

Robert is already following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps through his involvement on the board of directors of the Canadian Technion Society. Robert and his wife, Marlene, have three youngsters — Rebecca, Jeffery and Zoe.

The cost of the dinner is $29 per person. For more information, contact Bernice Levine, 633-3838, or Gail Dombrofsky, 789-3351.

Grant to Jewish group

OTTAWA

The Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada has been awarded a $9,000 federal grant, Secretary of State David Crombie recently announced.

The Toronto-based organization promotes, assists and supports the integration of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union into Canadian society.

The grant will be used to continue giving orientation sessions to its clients and strengthen the voluntary sector of the Soviet Jewish community in Canada through the implementation of a volunteer development and training strategy.

"This project is important because it will lead to the broadening of involvement of Canadian Soviet Jews in issues of community importance," Crombie said.

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Women's Campaign leader enthusiastic

Judy Scheininger puts education at top of list

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
For a comparative newcomer to the ranks of Jewish communal leadership, Judy Scheininger has earned an enviable reputation as a speaker who not only knows her facts, but as one who elicits a genuinely emotional response from an audience without resorting to maudlin sentimentality.

This she ably demonstrated at her installation as 1988 chairman of United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign.

Judy Scheininger

But Scheininger knows only too well there's much more to chairing this division than expertise in public speaking.

Women's Campaign, which last year raised $3 million under Sheila Engel's leadership, is firmly established as an integral component of the general campaign. If anything distinguishes the division among all the others, it is the knack for superb planning and organizational skills.

While most UJA divisions are in the process of getting organized, the Women's Campaign has its officers and board members (all 250) in place early on — a remarkably smooth transition from year to year.

Scheininger acknowledges that she, along with first and second vice-chairmen Joan Stevens and Carol Kassel, have "spent more time at the Lipa Green Building than with our families during the past few months."

And she loves every minute of it, she is quick to add. All those extra hours and days, working with various committees in the planning of functions, canvasser education programs, New York Mission and, of course, UJA Day, has more than paid off, she claims.

"It has helped heighten our profile within the UJA campaign structure and the community and, even more, has generated a contagious enthusiasm in our own division."

Under Scheininger's leadership, a new top gifts division — Atarah — chaired by Berta Lunenfeld and Ethel Solomon, was successfully initiated this year.

"With Atarah and Lion of Judah divisions, we now have 150 women in the community who proudly wear their Lion of Judah pins which signify their dedication and deep sense of responsibility." Lion of Judah chairmen are Paula Cohen and Lynn Goodman.

This year, says the chairman, much emphasis will be placed on education, with a variety of programs across the board for canvassers in each division. "We have a wonderful education team headed by Debbie Godfrey and her associates Judy Engel, Linda Greenwald and Linda Meyer."

Along with education, she states, there will be a greater focus on outreach. "We know there are a lot of women out there, many of them newcomers to the community, who want to be involved. We just have to reach out and let them know how much we welcome them as participants as well as contributors."

Scheininger credits all-out teamwork throughout Women's Campaign divisions as the primary factor behind the success of every function. She particularly expressed gratitude for the "invaluable input" of her executive.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Scheininger came to Canada with her family at the age of 2. She is a grduate of the University of Toronto, and until she left to begin a family of her own, was a teacher of English at Bathurst Heights Collegiate.

She is married to lawyer Les Scheininger, a Major Gifts associate chairman in the current campaign. He is the immediate past chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, and during a longstanding association with UJA, has held key positions in several major divisions.

The Scheningers have three children — Pamela, Stephanie and Robbie — the latter two attend Associated Hebrew Schools. The eldest, Pamela, is an Associated alumnus.

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Which is worse, it asks, to steal from someone
or to speak ill of someone?
To defraud a person or to humiliate him?
Answer:
Property can be restored, but the damage done
to the person can never be undone.
In fact, Jewish tradition compares slander
and humiliation with murder:
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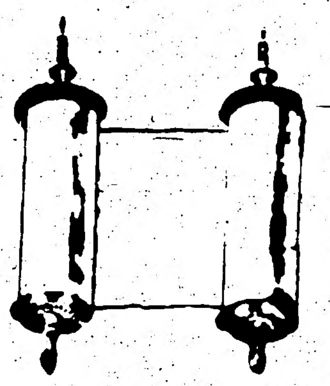

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Rosh Hashanah 5748

May the New Year be for us, Israel, and all the world, a year of life and health, prosperity and healing, and may all those who are seeking mates find them for blessing, Amen!

Rosh Hashanah is an ideal time to sanctify ourselves, do teshuvah! There's no limit to how high we can reach.

An important guest visited Reb Aryeh Leib of Vizhnitz, but the tzaddik was so wrapped in his studies that he didn't even notice his arrival until the rebbitzen (rabbi's wife) told him. The rebbe immediately greeted his worthy guest warmly.

After the visitor left, the rebbitzen scolded him: "I don't understand. The little letters of the sefer you see, and such a big guest you don't see?"

Answered Reb Aryah Leib: "If the guest was as holy as the little letters of the sefer, I would notice him also."

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You get holy by being as small as the little letters, not puffing yourselves up with pride.

The saintly Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev sought a baal tokeah (shofar blower) for Rosh Hashanah. He interviewed a number of candidates to see their worthiness.

Each candidate presented his credentials, and presented the sacred thoughts (kavanot) he would meditate on during the shofar blowing. One outdid the other in his holy recital.

One quiet man stood shyly back, unable to compete. Reb Levi Yitzchak summoned him: "What do you meditate on?"

"Rebbe," sighed the man, "I have four daughters that I have to marry off. When I blow, I say to God: "Almighty! I have done Your will by blowing. Now do my will by sending me husbands for my daughters."

Reb Levi Yitzchak beamed: "You are the one with the right thoughts and kavanot!" He chose him for his baal tokeah.

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We Jews are in great danger. The winds of antisemitism, the threat to Israel, the hatred for our nationhood, grows stronger.

We have to do what we have to do to protect ourselves physically.

But we must do teshuvah as well.

We Jews are all bound up together, for good or bad, and no one is without blemish.

Before we blow the shofar we cry: "Arov avdecha litov . . . Be a surety for thy servant for good, let not the proud oppress me. . . ." (Psalms 119:112)

What is this surety, and whom do we fear?

Every Jew is bound up with the next. We enjoy the benefits of each others' mitzvas and good deeds. We are caught in each others sins. One Jew's chillul Shabbos is every Jew's chillul Shabbos. Every treifus that enters a Jew's mouth enters every Jew's mouth. We bless each other; we hurt each other. We are brothers, we are sisters, we are one, the Holy One, the Jewish people, the Torah — One!

We pray . . . let us be bound up with each other, but it should be for good, for blessing, not for bad. But . . . , am I doing enough to help other Jews? Are you? If every Jew would grab another Jew for God, the Messiah would come.

On the onset of the new year, please remember the poor of Israel by sending to the Monthly Fund, c/o Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman, 3173a Bathurst Street, Toronto M6A 2B1.

Kesivah v'Chasimah Tovah!

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 1987, at 12 noon, in the Main Dining Room, Joseph E. & Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Avenue, North York. The proposed report of the nominations committee is available for review. Lunch till be served. RSVP 789-5131, ext. 2860.

Campaign begins for Israel dental centre

Dentists get mouthful of advice

By
PHILLIP FINE

TORONTO —

Dentists should think less about themselves and more about their professional and civic obligations, the president of a Jewish dental fraternity recently told his Toronto-area colleagues.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Toronto chapter of Alpha Omega International, Dr. Richard Williams of Detroit urged dentists to cast aside the mantle of the "me generation" and concentrate instead on service to their profession, the community and to Israel.

Concerning the latter, the fraternity president announced the official start of a $3 million Alpha Omega campaign to build a dental diagnosis and treatment centre at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The facility, he told the dinner, would not compete with established practitioners as it would only accept patients referred by other dentists.

Alpha Omega is a major financial supporter of dental care in Israel — a nation which cannot afford to fund dental education, Williams said later in an interview.

The fraternity dinner, which attracted close to 450 dentists and dental students, almost entirely from Metro Toronto, was held at the Shaarei Shomayim synagogue.

Williams told his audience to work to ensure that only the best students get admitted to dental schools and, that after they graduate, to work to ensure that such students get all the help they need in either finding jobs or getting into postgraduate programs.

The Alpha Omega president also urged his colleagues to lend their moral support to the push for the changes necessary to make dental school curriculums appropriate to the needs of the 1990s.

It's also necessary, Williams told the dinner, for dentists to help their older colleagues who would like to work part-time. Younger dentists have an obligation to make room available in their offices and clinics to the senior members of the profession, he told The Canadian Jewish News.

Williams, who was born in Detroit but who grew up in Windsor, also urged Alpha Omega members to remain vigilant over the recurrence of discrimination against Jews in dental schools.

"More than ever before," he said, citing the case of Alberta high school teacher Jim Keegstra, "Jewish dentists all over the world feel the need to join together."

Williams told The CJN that Alpha Omega must continue to guard against the imposition of ethnic and racial admission quotas in dental schools and against professors who refuse to give makeup exams to Jewish students who must miss classes because of religious holidays.

Such a problem, he said, recently occurred at the University of Manchester in Manchester, England.

The Alpha Omega president also called on his colleagues to take a greater interest in the world around them — particularly in civic affairs. He urged them to make themselves heard on school boards, city councils and on political action committees.

Williams warned his colleagues against turning their backs on the Jewish state and urged them to buy more State of Israel Bonds. Because North Americans are so prosperous, they have a special obligation to help, he said.

"We are the affluent society. We are more affluent than most and we must care more."

Essay contest gets under way

MONTREAL —

An essay contest for Canadian university and yeshiva students honoring the memory of Talmudist and historian Moshe Sambatyon was announced recently.

The Moshe Sambatyon memorial prize will be awarded to the student who composes the best essay from a choice of subjects. Submissions, written in Hebrew or English, must be typed and double-spaced.

Topics to choose from are: Critical Talmudic Studies; History of Eastern European Jewry; Chassidism; The Haskalla; Zionism; and Modern Hebrew Literature in Pre-War Europe.

The prize is valued at $750.

Submissions should be sent by Dec. 1 deadline to Rabbi Allan Nadler, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., Westmount, Que., H3Y 3A2.

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Organizations and People

Funds aid forestry replanting program

JNF launches campaign during High Holidays

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONTREAL — The Jewish National Fund of Canada will conduct a campaign during the High Holidays to raise funds for forestry replanting programs in Israel in the wake of the worst season of forest fires in recent memory.

Traditional JNF supporters and others will be asked to contribute to the world-wide effort to raise money to replant the forests that were devastated by fire. An estimated 5,000 dunam of trees were decimated.

Many of the fires that ravaged Israeli forests were set by arsonists, while others may have been caused by carelessness, aided by extremely dry conditions, said Michael Goldstein, executive vice-president of JNF Canada.

Funds raised in the international campaign will go towards replanting, as well as to finance increased surveillance of the forest areas and to purchase fire-fighting equipment such as water bombers.

Some of the oldest forests in Israel were destroyed this summer, Goldstein said. The wooded area between kibbutzim Kiryat Anavim and Ma'ale Hahamisha, about 15 km west of Jerusalem, was destroyed, he said.

That plot of trees was planted more than 60 years ago in honor of poet Haim Nachman Bialik's 50th birthday.

Kibbutz Ma'ale Hahamisha was established in the late 1930s after a group of five pioneers were killed when they went out to clear land for cultivation.

It will take from 25-30 years for the forest to reach a point where it can meet the recreational and ecological functions required of it, said Moshe Rivlin, chairman of the JNF board of directors.

Dinner set to honor Schwartzes

TORONTO — A dinner will be held Oct. 4 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., in honor of Ted and Paulette Schwartz.

The couple will receive the Tower of David Jerusalem Award in recognition of their outstanding community work.

The dinner — which will begin with cocktails at 6.30 p.m. — is being organized by B'nai Brith's Yorkdale Lodge 2485 in cooperation with State of Israel Bonds.

Entertainment will include singer/comedian Denny Tadmore with music by Yossi.

Ted Schwartz, 59, president of Selective Imports Ltd., was born in Romania and survived Auschwitz, Mathausen and other concentration camps where his parents and older brother perished.

In 1947 he moved to Toronto and began pursuing his dream of becoming an independent businessman.

In 1966 he became one of the first Canadian businessman to visit China and explore business opportunities after the cultural revolution. He later became the first Canadian importer of made-in-China shoes.

Grateful for the opportunity to rebuild his life in Canada, he became active in the community and was among those responsible for convincing North York to purchase the York Downs Golf Club in the Bathurst St.-Sheppard Ave. area and convert it to the 168-acre Earl Bales Park.

Schwartz married his wife, Paulette, an immigrant from Morocco, a year ago.

The dinner costs $30 per person. For more information, contact the State of Israel Bonds office at 789-3351.

Rabbi Cashdan dead at 81

WASHINGTON — Rabbi Louis Cashdan, former spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El in Toronto, died here recently at the age of 81.

Cashdan, who served at Temple Emanu-El from 1959 to 1967, was also a former president of the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship.

He was the retired rabbi of Temple Solel Congregation in Bowie in the Washington area and was a past president of the Washington Board of Rabbis.

Cashdan was born in Detroit and graduated from the University of Michigan. He studied religion at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

He served congregations in Des Moines, Charleston, West Virginia, Kansas City, Mo., and Toronto before moving to the Washington area in 1967 to work at Temple Solel. He retired in 1981.

The rabbi taught philosophy, logic, and theology at Bowie State College and at American Univertsity.

He was a past financial secretary and a former treasurer of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and a member of the District of Columbia Social Service Agency.

Cashdan is survived by his wife of 52 years, Eva Cashdan of Silver Spring; a son, David Cashdan of Washington; a daughter, Rochelle Goldstein of Portland, Ore.; a sister, Faye Wallach of Detroit; and four grandchildren.

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Results of experiments based on murder

MD: Nazi research cited in medical literature

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Medical research carried out in Germany during the Nazi era is still being cited in respected medical literature and furthermore, says a McMaster University associate professor, modern medicine continues to avail itself of data derived from research that came from the Holocaust.

Dr. William Seidelman, of the university's department of family medicine, has been researching German medicine under the Hitler regime and its role in formulating racial and mass-murder policies for several years.

He has recently completed a second paper on the subject and has submitted another paper to an international conference to be held at Oxford next July entitled Remembering For The Future: Nazism's Medical Legacy.

He has also addressed medical and Jewish groups and the response, he said in an interview at his home earlier this summer, has varied from "strong reactions of concern over the issues to indifference."

Seidelman is appalled at what he terms "the naivite" of the medical profession.

"It is extremely important for the medical profession to consider the role (German medicine) played in virtually every aspect of what was to become the Holocaust. It ignores these issues at its peril."

One issue is "medicalized selection whereby differential values are applied to human life and selection is made on the basis of such differential values."

As an example he cites "immigration selection; resuscitation or no resuscitation; in-vitro fertilization; high-tech interventions; both donor and recipient in the case of transplants, and euthanasia. And now," he warns, "we are entering the stage of biotechnology and gene mapping."

In Nazi Germany, medical research contributed to health and racial policies and subsequently became "the basis for the Holocaust."

Simply ignore sources

Yet this research continues to be cited and medical researchers today are either ignorant of the sources or simply ignore them, asserts Seidelman.

"But the question is, do you accept results of experiments that were clear-cut murder in the name of science?"

For instance, there were the experiments carried out by Dr. Sigmund Rascher at Dachau for the Luftwaffe by the SS-funded Ahnenerbe research Institute and for which Himmler declared himself personally responsible.

Yet American psychologist Dr. Leo Alexander, a Jew, who served as a witness at the Nuremberg trials, incorporated these data in a report published under his name by the U.S. department of commerce in order that they might benefit American science and industry.

"So what people do today," Seidelman says, "is cite not Rascher but Alexander."

"More complex" is the case of Dr. Ernst Ruedin, the Swiss-born psychiatrist whose work in the genetics of schizophrenia published in 1916 is still considered a landmark study.

"What is relevant here," says Seidelman, "is that his research in eugenics provided the scientific rationalization for what became the step-by-step progression towards the Holocaust. His research is still being cited — but without any indication of what it was used for."

Long after Mengele was being sought as a fugitive, his work continued to be published in respected medical journals and, as late as 1986, an article in the Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine referred to the work of Dr. Otmar von Verschuer, the geneticist who is still regarded the pioneer in research on twins.

Von Verschuer says Seidelman was "the professor, the mentor and the sponsor of Josef Mengele . . ."

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Amusement arcade offers an ideal birthday outing

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

To the Jewish kids in the Bathurst St.-Sultana Ave. area, Video Invasion is more than just an amusement arcade.

It's a hub of challenge and excitement — a place to meet friends, bring dates and spend a few hours of video bliss trying to beat skill-testing scores on lightning-speed game machines.

It's also *the* place to have a birthday party.

"We're booked to capacity," says Wayne Fromm, Video Invasion's 32-year-old president.

"People have to prebook a month in advance for parties. If they're a small party we can fit them in, but we're not a factory. "We like to personalize each party."

About 20 birthday parties are held at Video Invasion every week, and since December, 1983, there have been almost 500 including some bar mitzvah parties.

The appeal of Video Invasion — whose clientele is 80% Jewish — is clear. For the kids, it's simply "fun" and for the parents, it's an ideal birthday outing.

Fromm says childhood memories of working in the Pro-Bowl chain of bowling alleys part-owned by his father, Leonard, made him decide to offer birthdays.

In the 1960s bowling was one of the most popular birthday treats, but when North York alleys were converted to 10-pin from 5-pin, youngsters could no longer physically hold the balls and the birthday business dried up.

"There was a void in the market place for a good birthday centre."

The remarkable success Fromm has experienced in filling that void has led him to open his arcade doors to other special events including field day outings this summer for youngsters in the Lubavitch day camp.

He has also done charity work through his arcade for the United Synagogue Day School Parents Association , The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto Student Council, to name a few.

Fromm attributes the popularity of his arcade - which also rents video films - to hard work and business experience.

Graduating in 1975 with a Bachelor's degree in psychology, Fromm took over a movie theatre in the area of Dundas St. and Markham Rd. For two years he ran The Centre Theatre, a repertory cinema.

But when the first Cineplex at the Eaton's Centre opened in 1977, Fromm saw "the writing on the wall" for the old genre of single-screen movie houses.

As Fromm looked around for a new venture, he glimpsed the advent of videos. He also became interested in the pinball industry since the Federal government had just lifted its ban on pinball machines.

Feeling "the time was ripe" for a change, Fromm purchased 12 pinball machines and placed them in his father's bowling alleys.

"Business was good and every month I would plow back my profits into new equipment and I built the business up into about 100 pinball machines in eight months."

Fromm also began teaching himself how to fix the machines.

In 1979, a new development in the industry boosted Fromm's thriving business further. A video machine called Space Invaders became available in meager supplies from Japan.

As Fromm squeezed all his North American sources to obtain 26 Space Invader machines, the telephone at his Central Amusements company office began ringing off the hook with proprieters seeking the machine.

He supplied several arcades with the equipment, but didn't like the way they ran their businesses. Feeling he could do better, Fromm, who had just married wife Genia, opened his first arcade in September, 1980 in a 3-store plaza at Wilson Heights and Sheppard Ave.

But rumors the area was to be altered to make way for the Allan expressway, sent him scurrying to find another location.

In February, 1981, he signed a renewable 5-year lease for his present 3500 Bathurst St. location.

Fromm's new arcade immediately thrived, attracting affluent youngsters from the surrounding York Mills, Forest Hill and Sir Sandford Fleming high schools.

The strong business prompted Fromm to open a third arcade in January, 1984, at the Parkway Plaza at Victoria Park and Ellesmere in Scarborough.

Around the same time, Fromm began concentrating on birthdays at his Bathurst St. location.

At first he supplied food and birthday cake, along with game machine tokens, for the youngsters. But he later limited the services to cake, ice cream, soft drinks and tokens, allowing customers to bring in their own food. Special arrangements were made for those requiring Kosher food and cake.

The birthdays have attracted youngsters from all branches of Judaism as well as the offspring of celebrities such as Toronto actor, Al Waxman.

Most recently, Fromm has continued to build his business, purchasing his Bathurst St. building .

Beth Radom's Landy dies

TORONTO —

Rabbi David Landy, spiritual leader of Beth Radom Congregation here for the past three years, died recently at age 72.

Earlier, he was rabbi of Beth Jacob Congregation in Regina, Sask., for five years. Before that, he was spiritual leader of Beth David Congregation in Brantford, Ont.

The Liverpool-born Landy came to Canada in 1970 from Salisbury, Rhodesia, where he headed a congregation for three years. From 1954-67, Landy was spiritual leader of several congregations in South Africa, where he also served as a schochet and mohel.

Landy was a graduate of Yeshivat Torat Chaim, the Liverpool Talmudic College.

He is survived by his wife Joan; sisters Tilly Shaul and Shoshana Baruch of Israel; children Keith, Ian, and Cheryl Landy and their families; and several grandchildren.

Prof. to teach in Israel

TORONTO —

Prof. Richard Courtney of the University of Toronto will teach students at Tel Aviv University's Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts, the Israeli school's Canadian Friends announced.

Courtenay will teach the group during his sabbatical year and return for five annual semesters.

The faculty is supported by the Friends' Toronto Chapter's Special Projects Committee, which is chaired by Prof. Merrijoy Kelner. Students studying theatre will perform and teach their craft in the country's remote areas.

Committee vice-presidents are: Penny-Lynn Grossman, Raquel Levy, Deborah White and Prof. Blossom Wigdor. Miriam Kirzner and Rosalind Witkin are board members.

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Education foundation started

TORONTO — Alex Kirk, an ardent Zionist who has been involved for many years with Histadrut, has established the Adele Leah (Kruczyk) Kirk Educational Foundation in memory of his late wife who passed away 10 months ago.

"She was a kind, loving and devoted woman. She would always be the first to give to those who needed — even at times when we didn't have," said Kirk, 75, in his North York apartment recently.

"She devoted her life for Israel," he said. "Now it is time to honor her memory in a way which would make her proud."

The foundation was founded to benefit the children of Ein Hashofet by providing them with educational opportunities through Israel's Amal vocational training schools.

Kirk has arranged that a girl born in Kibbutz Ein Hashofet be named after his late wife, and that in the near future, a child at the kibbutz be given the benefit of an education at the closest Amal school in the vicinity — the Lady Davis Amal Vocational Training and High School. The Kirks did not have a child of their own.

Kibbutz Ein Hashofet was founded in 1938. Located near the Lebanese border, it produces fluorescent bulbs and hardware tools in addition to its agricultural operations.

Kirk first visited the kibbutz with his late wife in 1970; they returned four times since.

"My wife immediately fell in love with the kibbutz, the people, and especially the children. Even though she couldn't speak Hebrew, the kids flocked around her. Her generous heart won them over," said Kirk glowingly. He plans to go to Israel himself next April to officially set up the foundation.

Kirk has set aside $25,000 in his will toward the foundation.

"I am not a rich man materially," added Kirk, who, together with his late wife, owned and operated a variety store in the Eglinton and Keele area until she became ill in the 70s.

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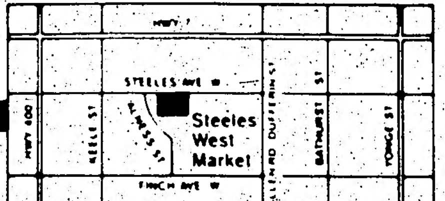

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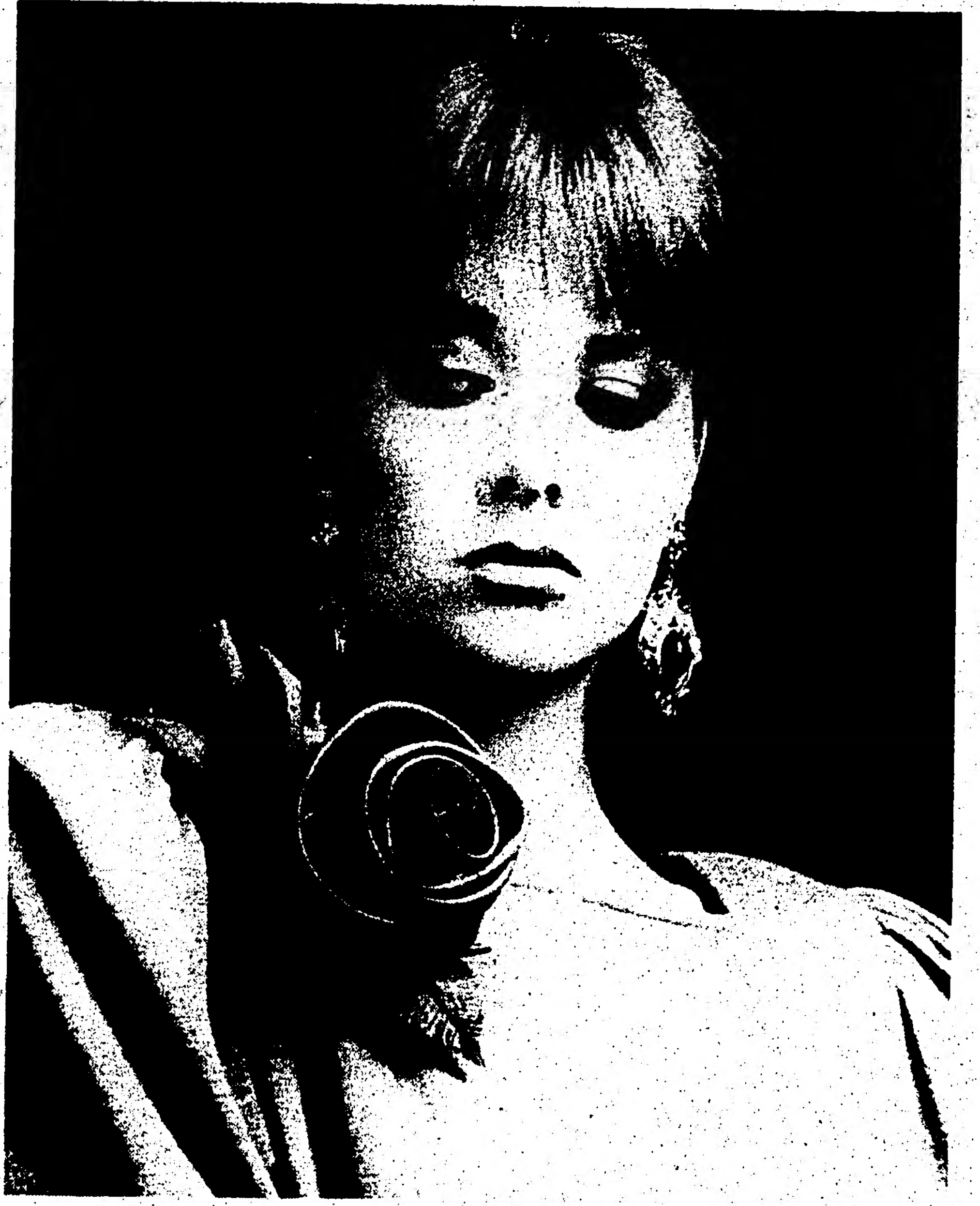

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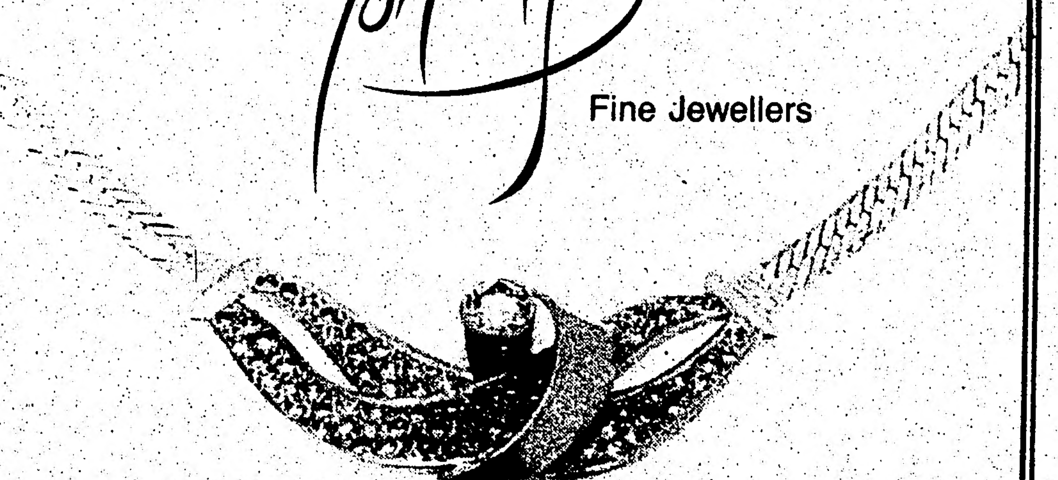

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New line from Gemini

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — With its new Sachet line, Gemini Fashions has once again broken new ground. The long-time Winnipeg outerwear manufacturer has entered into the world of high fashion and Gemini president Gary Steiman reports that even the company's normally conservative national team of sales representatives are excited.

"The last few years have been very difficult for the Canadian coat and outerwear business," said Steiman. "We face tremendous pressure from imports, uncertain market conditions, and difficulty in identifying clear styles and fashion trends. Ladies' fashions are obviously a large and growing segment of the industry. To retain our strength in the marketplace, Gemini begot Sachet."

Sachet is aimed at the better contemporary Miss consumer market. The emphasis is on high fashion with some classic styles.

"Instead of a whole collection based on one or two fabrics, we have chosen several strong fashion fabrics around which to build stories," says Michelle Montsion, Sachet's designer, who has been with Gemini for four years.

The classic line is the fur liner collection which uses imitation fur trim or lining imported from Belgium and France. The high-quality realistic-looking fur is blended with classic colors, including plum, silver, black, alpaga and Jamaica.

"This group is for women who can afford real fur but want something more casual," says Montsion.

Then there is the patterned wool story, with its Aztec flavor exclusive to Gemini and Sachet. The small collection consists of 100% washer finished nylon, in very high style, with a large outer shell and water shed.

The line is two separate garments worn over each other giving the wearer a choice of raincoat or wool coat. The colors are dark charcoal, teal or mustard and gray rose — with fashion highlights. "We have tried to use the trends in the market to create our own unique image here," says Montsion.

More trendy and sporting are the 100% combed cotton in deep pastel shades of winter white, rose blush and crystal green. One of the outstanding features here is the large, oversized button fasteners.

The major features of the collection are rounded, padded shoulders, high collars, some waist definition and quilting which has become popular in Europe again. The full length coats come in 50", pant coats at 34" and jackets and blousons at about 30".

Glamor, comfort, wearability

Designer caters to fashion needs of busy women

Canadian designer Ruth Wagner's fall collection of versatile knits is not only a symphony of orchestrated mix and match pieces, but is also full of witty surprises.

A classic black calf-length dress, with sculptured sleeves and fluidity of line is wonderfully transformed, after 5, by the addition of a peppy "portable" peplum that graces the hips or by a sexy waist cinching "girdle."

Another option, a flared-back bolero, knitted in a complimentary jacquard conjures up shades of Joan Crawford.

Wagner has carefully thought out the fashion needs of today's busy woman. For her fall line, she's chosen a basic palette of white, black, taupe, red and teal.

Dresses, skirts (knee to above-ankle length), pants, tunics, cropped tops and accessories are knitted from one solid color or an innovative 3-color jacquard. Wagner's garments can be worn by women from 18 to 70. The wardrobe building pieces can be coordinated according to the wearer's fancy.

Wagner has paid special attention to details such as pants and sleeve cuffs. These are designed to turn up, in order to accommodate height variation without ruining the line of the garment.

Wraparound pockets and contoured seams have been strategically positioned to be "kind to the less than perfect figure."

The keys to the Wagner collection are glamor, comfort and wearability. Wagner says that, "Today is the era of the sweats. My aim is to create a line as comfortable as a sweat but without the sloppy running shoe image."

In reality, Wagner has gone many steps beyond that premise. She has produced a line of flexible knits as chic as a lunch at the Tour d'Argent and as comfortable as an old pair of shoes.

She describes her clothes as "having a slight European edge; they have impact, yet they can be worn simply."

Removable shoulder pads are typical of Wagner's long-range thinking. "After all," explains Wagner, "They're not here to stay."

Made of the best Australian 100% worsted merino wool, a natural fibre that bounces back into shape, even after vigorous wearing, Wagner's clothes breathe.

She reckons that her designs are for the top 10% of the market. "They're for women with a bit of money to spend who care about quality and have an eye for classic lines."

Wagner is quick to point out that because her clothes are Canadian made, the buyer receives tremendous value as she doesn't have to subsidize import duties and the dollar exchange rate.

"Besides, with all the fashion talent in this country, we needn't look to the U.S. and Europe for first class designs."

Wagner, a graceful, willowy woman, believes that if a woman wears clothes that combine comfort with superior design and quality, she'll always feel beautiful.

Garments by Ruth Wagner retail from $85 to $285.

Special treat for kids

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

If you'd like to give the kids in your life a special treat for their birthday, Jeanette Meister may be just the person to see.

Meister, owner of Personally Yours, handpaints a variety of gift items that include T-shirts and sweatshirts, clocks, step stools, rocking horses and knapsacks.

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Big favorites are the party favors and kippot upon which Meister handpaints guests' names.

"Rather than traditional bubble gum and lollipops, kids can leave their friends' birthday party with such favors as a personalized pencil sharpener, headband, pen or notepad. Bar mitzvah and wedding guests will be happy to take home a personalized kippah.

Meister also designs childrens' kippot with scenes from Sesame Street, Blue Jay emblems or abstract designs.

"I'm always on the lookout for new designs. I get my ideas from cartoons, nature, magazines — everywhere.

She explains that as long as an item has a surface that can be easily painted on she can use it, so if gift givers wish to bring their own item to paint, it can be arranged.

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Fashion

Approach key to Joy Cherry success

By
JANE SHORT

Nowhere in Toronto is the fast paced, exciting and dynamic world of fashion more evident than in the heaquarters of chic and successful retailer, Joy Cherry. A walking attestment to the utmost in sophisticated style, Cherry has become a major fashion authority by searching the world for merchandise specifically catering to her discerning clientele.

While fashionable Torontonians view Joy Cherry's shop as a "must," the likes of Harpers Bazaar have also taken notice.

A quote from the magazine states Cherry has "expertly selected fashion for day into evening, as well as the designs in her luxurious fur salon, full-service bridal salon and unique color-cued collection of private label designs."

Her hands-on, selective approach to merchandising is very personal, even excluding the services of a buying office.

"Because everything has to be done by me, with some assistance from my staff," Cherry frequently is seen on the floor of her salon. When not in residence at 3323 Yonge St., chances are that she is on one of her monthly buying trips to Europe or New York.

This fall, her approach is "more individual. We're getting some resistance to the new lengths . . . but we're carrying a lot of the shorter skirts this fall." The popular length will be 24 inches (a very popular seller in New York).

Cherry encourages women to overcome their "fashion negatives" (such as avoiding the shorter lengths), and find a positive way of interpreting a personal style. A suggestion from Cherry is to wear opaque stockings with a shorter skirt for a slimming, 1-color effect, lengthening the body.

Her stunning assortment of day to evening wear features Mimmina (exclusive to Joy Cherry), Louis Feraud, Valentino, Gianfranco Ferre, Armani, Bill Blass, Nina Ricci, Soprani, Oscar de la Renta, Joy Collection exclusives and a fabulous fur selection.

Natural fibres dominate the fall collection, especially in cashmeres crafted especially for Joy Cherry and irridescent silk taffetas for evening.

One of fall's standout silhouettes is the trapeze, which will be entrenched among close-to-the-body looks, rounder shoulder pads, and superb tailoring for day, plus the crinoline and harem skirt for evening.

Notable colors include rich browns, navy, cognac, red-burgundy and gray, with black and white still popular alternatives.

At Joy Cherry, the merchandise is only one feature. Eye-catching window displays lure the customer into a softly lit interior, displaying Art Deco inspired display cases and fixtures, a hand crafted rug from Italy and a glamorous atrium, perfect as a focal point for in-house fashion shows.

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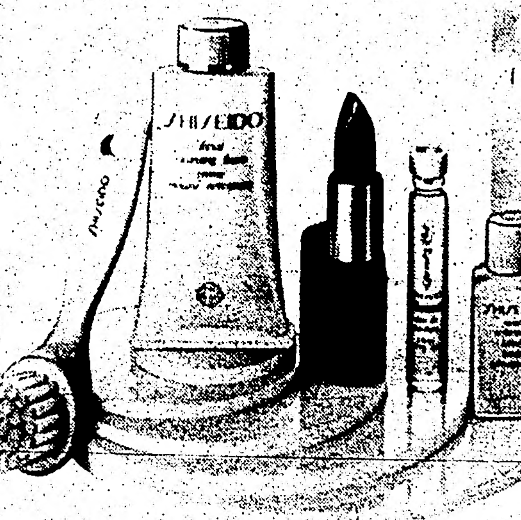

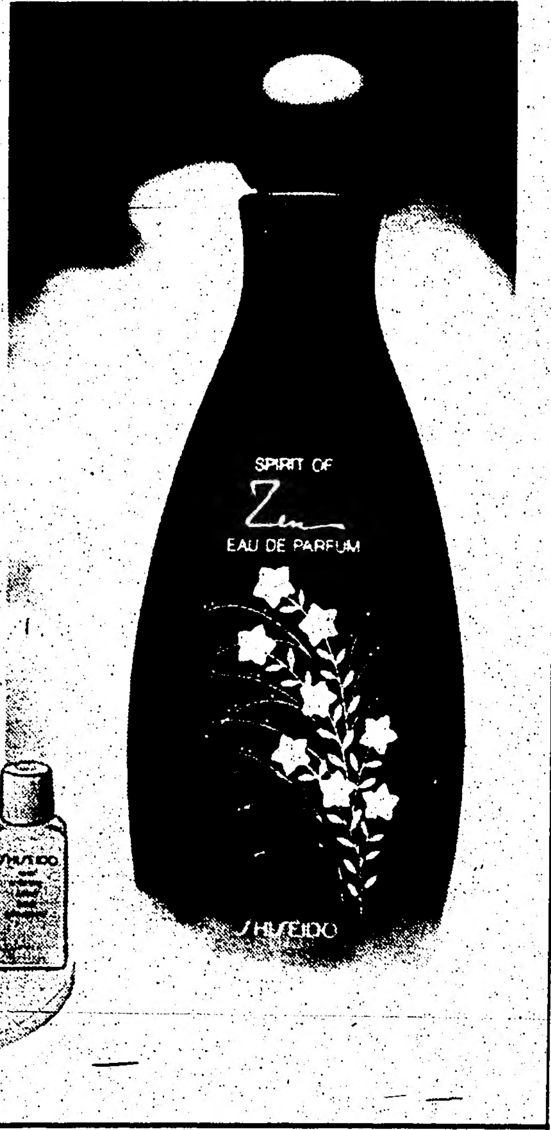

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Israeli movie examines youths' lives in wake of war

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO --

The year 1970 finds Israel at war once again. This time, the battle rages along the Suez Canal in what has been called the War of Attrition.

It is against this backdrop that *Late Summer Blues*, screened at the Festival of Festivals, unfolds.

Renen Schorr's elegiac picture, which drew acclaim at the recent Jerusalem Film Festival, is autobiographical. Examining the lives of seven Israeli high school graduates on the eve of their induction into the army, *Late Summer Blues* is emotional without being saccharine.

Tsvillich (Omri Dolev), known as Joe, is the first in his class to be called up. Lanky and likeable, he regrets he hasn't had the chance to sleep with a girl or obtain his driver's licence.

Arileh (Dor Zweignebom) is the class rebel, a pacifist with a twisted face who spray-paints anti-war slogans on walls and lets it be known that he will not serve.

Mossi (Yoav Tsafir) is a talented pianist who wants to join the army's entertainment corps but apparently cannot because he is fit for combat. He is attracted to Naomi (Noa Goldberg), who is more mature than most girls her age.

Margo (Shahar Segal), a diabetic, is exempt from national service and is sorry about it. He records everything with his movie camera, a budding Fellini.

Kobi (Sharon Bar-Ziv) is shy and gentle, but bold enough to ask for the hand of Shosh (Vered Cohen) in marriage.

Now, with another phase of their lives about to begin, they want a "summer of sun and sea, a last summer when we are all still together and make things happen, before it is too late."

Late Summer Blues, which was written by Doron Nesher, opens on a sombre note as the school principal (Edna Fliedel), a dignified woman, announces the death of Gadi Hoffman, a recent graduate.

With the spectre of death hovering over it, *Late Summer Blues* moves on to the main business at hand — a graduation play that fleshes out the chief character traits of the protagonists.

To his credit, Schorr does not romanticize or whitewash anything. Tsvillich, caught up in his own selfish concerns, exhibits shocking callousness when Hoffman's death is announced. Arieleh, convinced his cause is right, speaks out harshly against the concept of "just wars." Mossi's father, plaintively referring to the wars Israel periodically fights, asks: "How much longer will it go on?"

In another sequence, the students cynically mock the heroic tradition in Israeli history. And in yet another one, they mimick Golda Meir's Hebrew accent.

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Oury's movie farfetched but funny

Perils of chassid cut no ice

TORONTO —
Levy and Goliath is farfetched and perhaps outrageous. But give it its due: it is funny and warm-hearted.

Director Gerard Oury, known for *The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob*, brings to the screen an outlandish tale about an Orthodox Jew who, inadvertently, becomes embroiled in underworld intrigue.

The film, which appeared at the Festival of Festivals, elicited a well-deserved round of applause from a Sunday afternoon audience.

Moise Levy (Richard Anconina) is a chassidic Jew, a diamond cutter and biblical scholar, who lives in Antwerp, the Jerusalem of the north. When he is first glimpsed, Moise, suitably bearded and appropriately attired in a black caftan, is getting married in a joyous ceremony.

Albert (Michel Boujenah), Moise's estranged brother, suddenly appears, his blonde Gentile wife Brigette at his side. Moise, who doesn't appreciate Albert's secular way of life, asks him to leave. Sooner than he realizes, Moise will turn to Albert for help.

A simple, unworldly soul, Moise is plunged into chaos on a Paris-bound train. A courier pursued by the police slips three bags of refined cocaine into his satchel. Moise, having seen her in the aisle, averts his face. She, in turn, does not realize that his bag already contains three bags of diamond dust which Moise is delivering to a car factory.

You can imagine what happens next. Moise delivers coke instead of diamond dust, with all its uproarious repercussions, and Goliath the cocaine dealer — a coarse type affecting black leather, tattoos and chains — goes after the poor, befuddled chassid.

To save himself from Goliath, Moise takes refuge in a dingy Pigalle room with a shapely prostitute. Clearly, this is an absurd situation, but in Gerard Oury's capable hands it comes off without a hitch.

In desperation, Moise calls on Albert, a cafe owner, and he comes to his rescue. Left with no choice, Moise cuts off his beard and sidelocks and gets into regular clothes.

One madcap adventure after another ensues, all of which take place in Paris' seedy nightclub area. There is also an interlude during which Moise becomes somewhat involved with a beautiful Arab woman.

The action is fast and furious, the dialogue is believable and the insights into human nature are well-observed.

Commendably enough, *Levy and Goliath* does not lapse into tastelessness. However, strict Orthodox Jews will neither appreciate its assumptions nor its profane humor.

Like Moise, they will condemn it as just one more manifestation of a decaying society. — **S.K.**

Michel Boujenah and Richard Anconina in Levy and Goliath.

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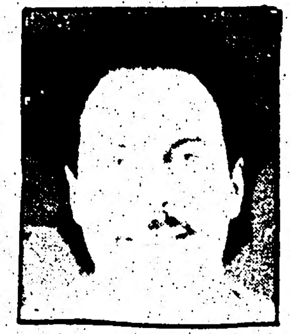

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Play staged artfully and lovingly

Three Men on a Horse is a piece of Americana

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — John Hirsch's revival of *Three Men On A Horse*, playing at the Royal Alexandra Theatre until Oct. 17, is no ordinary Damon Runyonesque horseplay of the *Guys And Dolls* genre.

Some people might downgrade the original 1935 Broadway farce by George Abbott and John Cecil Holm as nothing but a Depression-era piece of escapist hokum.

Not so director Hirsch. He regards it respectfully as a minor classic of American mores, and he has staged it artfully and lovingly as though it were a Restoration period comedy of manners by Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

And I'm happy to report that he has thus produced, with deft and dazzling brilliance, a highly stylized and very funny period piece of Americana, which is sure to be received with huzzahs when it ultimately reaches Broadway.

There are two stars of this show which has an expert cast of 18 Canadian and American performers.

One is Hirsch, who had the prescience to detect the comic potential of what snobs might dismiss as a dated, cartoon-like farce.

The other star is Stephen Ouimette, a natural Canadian clown of enormous potential, selected by Hirsch to play its lead role.

If you've seen on TV late shows the Hollywood version of *Three Men On A Horse*, co-starring Frank McHugh, Sam Levene and Joan Blondell, you may recall its wisp of a plot.

It's all about Irwin, a timid versifier of greeting cards with an uncanny knack for picking winners at the race track. His hobby involves him in the shady world of horse bettors, of mugs and molls and dope sheets.

Ouimette, whose manic pantomiming was so outstanding in last year's Toronto production of *B Movie*, here displays in full force his ability to perhaps become North America's new Charlie Chaplin — or, at the very least, its Harold Lloyd of the 1980s.

In his hands, Irwin becomes a combination of a nebbish Harold Lloyd, a sappily goodnatured Dagwood, and one of those dreamy, innocent all-American dopes bashfully hiding behind sofas in James Thurber cartoons.

He brings to the part the butterfly delicacy of a ballet dancer, a Chaplinesque feel for the beleaguered underdog, and a thesaurus of baggy-pants burlesque shtik.

It's marvellous to watch him in physical action, making every gesture count for comic effect — whether slithering across the floor of a floozy's bedroom like an embarrassed seal, or staggering downstairs to a bar utterly squiffed.

> *Farrago of comic movements*

I swear that even his eyelids flutter with maniacal humor and his ears somehow manage to do pretzel bends.

Yet it's all done within the confines of character — a farrago of comic movements that delight and beguile us whenever he's onstage.

Hirsch keeps the action going with breakneck speed and energy, and wisely makes sure that no character is campy, no matter how cartoonlike the scene might appear.

The supporting cast is superb.

American actor James Harper, in the role of the underworld gambler originated by the late Sam Levene, is impeccably slick and dapper in his loud pinstripe suit and fedora. My one criticism is that he might have pronounced the name "Oiwin" with a little more of a Yiddish Brooklyn "oi."

His husky sidekick, played by American actor John Capodice like a lobotomized Joe Palooka, is a wonderfully funny strongarm lummox — especially when he becomes tearfully sentimental over Oiwin's Mother's Day verses. "Art like dis desoives a bigger audience in every saloon in America," he sobs, proclaiming the bard a genius.

Also deftly amusing are Kristine Nielsen as the brassy blonde moll of the horse players when she entertains Oiwin with one of her bottom-slapping routines as an ex-Follies chorine; Shannon Lawson as his adoring, Blondie-like wife in the suburbs; and Richard Woods, his greeting cards boss, a hilarious, unsentimental, blustering tycoon in oversized spats.

The sets by Broadway designer John Lee Beatty are period masterpieces of wit and charm. Most cunning is the 1930s suburban living room set of Irwin and his wife in the opening scene; it looks like an idealized painting cutout in — naturally — an oldfashioned greeting card.

Altogether, I would predict that Hirsch is riding on a winner for his Broadway-bound comedy. You can bet on it.

Stephen Ouimette (seated) is the star of Three Men On A Horse at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. From left, the three horse players are Michael Caruana, James Harper and John Capodice.

Israeli jazz school plans 2nd marathon

TEL AVIV — The Rimon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music is celebrating its second anniversary this fall after a year that was highlighted by Israel's first jazz marathon with 60 musicians.

The school, which is located on the site of a former elementary school in Ramat Hasharon, north of Tel Aviv, is planning another jazz marathon next year.

The school's goal is to make it possible for Israelis to develop as professional musicians, capable of recording, arranging and composing for film, theatre and video without having to leave the country for long periods of overseas training.

"In Israel the sounds of East and West meet in a mix that exists nowhere else," said Orlee Sela, administrative director. "Our faculty and students are raised on Western music but their daily exposure to Middle Eastern modes provides exciting proof that music indeed knows neither bounds nor boundaries."

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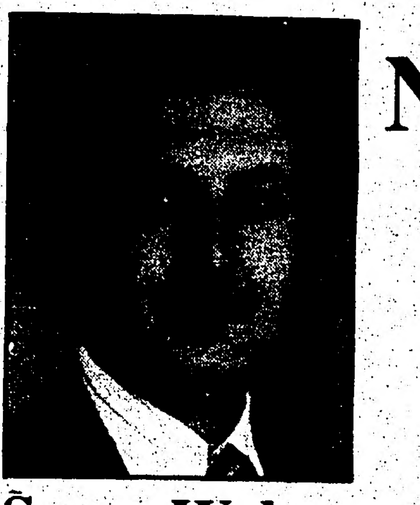

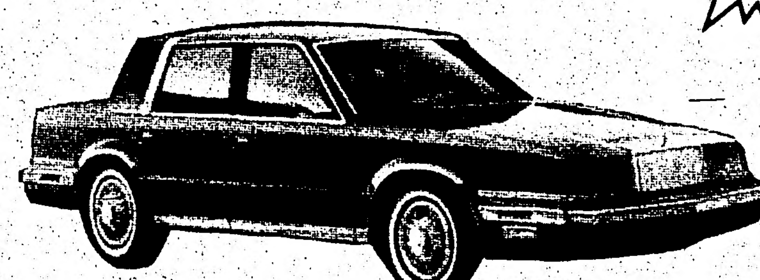

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Dutch architect's work shown

Sculptor Theo Willemse with his work, Open Lift.

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
Dutch Jewish architect Herman Hertzberger, detained by business in the Netherlands, was unable to give a planned slide lecture at a preview exhibition of his recent work in the Koffler Gallery, but his drawings, photographs and models speak eloquently for him.

The display is presented in conjunction with a show in the Loggia Gallery featuring recent sculptures and drawings on paper by Dutch-born Canadian sculptor Theo Willemse. Both continue until Sept. 30 and are part of Holland in Canada, a cross-country cultural celebration of the bond which exists between the two lands.

Jurriaan Kraak, Netherlands consul for commercial affairs, notes that the Holland in Canada agenda offers programs which are for the most part, "new, daring and unusual." Hertzberger, born 1932 in Amsterdam, is "no stranger to controversy," says Kraak, who adds that the noted architect has strong opinions and his work exemplifies an unshakable social commitment.

Toronto architect Jerome Markson says that Hertzberger, unlike many in his profession who have always served "the happy few — those with money," strives to provide for the masses. He does, however, use plain and modest materials, creating a kind of "frozen music" in which it is not necessary to embellish with decorative improvements.

A man of firm conviction, he insists on working against those who are not ready for change. His buildings, says Markson, show the struggle. "They are not slick compromises."

Currently a professor at Delft, Hertzberger has lectured at the University of Toronto where students are said to be "obsessed" by him. The architect has been awarded commissions not only in his own country but in France, West Germany and Italy.

In the collection at the Koffler are examples of his wide-ranging talents, encompassing a spectrum of public and private development.

His solution to planning a day nursery in West Berlin on a site partly occupied by a temporary school which was to be torn down, was to provide an arrangement for various age groups with their own sleeping quarters, washrooms and kitchen, plus terraced play areas.

Demolition of the temporary school was not considered necessary by Hertzberger, who wanted this building transformed into an exciting playground.

The De Overloop Old Age Home at Almere-Haven in the Netherlands represented a different challenge. Here, the architect designed a complex to afford maximum care without completely isolating the residents. A site within easy reach of the town centre was chosen, and though the home's garden is screened off from the outside world, it forms a link in a major pedestrian route. Residents are not simply "put away."

De Overloop contains a nursing home, 2-room dwellings for those who are somewhat self-reliant and 3-rooms for those who are largely independent. The flats are full-fledged dwellings with genuine front doors as entrances off corridors that are streets in a home laid out like a city in miniature.

In Cologne, where an urban scheme was needed for a linear strip along the Rhine — an area allocated for housing with along-the-edge space for offices and company buildings, Hertzberger used the commercial structures as a protective barrier between the housing and a ring road, without impeding the relationship between the residential section and the river. He sees this as a basis for good quality houses and satisfactory urban spaces.

Theo Willemse started out as a sculptor, working with figurative forms which have evolved into abstracts, but retain a sensuous figurative concept. As ideas bounced back and forth, he created not only sculptures, but drawings too.

His drawings have been described as reminiscent of "a firefly in a jar," and there is in some a diaphanous, sparkling quality. In others, like "Red Crowd," a grouping of ovate, heavily crimson shapes, there is darkness and perhaps menace.

His sculptures, in limestone and plaster, are medium in size, but large in power and presence. There is a definite energy released. His Spring, two elongated ovals emerging from an earthbound jagged base, soars skyward. Heartspear is ovate forms again, but sharper, juxtaposed on top of one another, the highest ones plunging into the "heart," alive with enamel and oils.

It is certainly possible to look at Willemse's drawings and see fireflies, or to regard his sculptures and feel energy set free.

The Koffler Gallery is at 4588 Bathurst St.; phone 636-2145.

Leah Posluns School to restart its sessions for budding thespians

TORONTO —
The Leah Posluns Theatre School, at 4588 Bathurst St., will shortly be starting its 1987/88 schedule of classes. Now in its 11th year of operation, it is the largest and most comprehensive part-time theatre school around, says its director Rose Dubin.

The school offers courses at all levels of expertise and experience, from beginners to professionals, children to adults. Classes include acting, directing, scriptwriting, musical theatre and creative drama for children.

Backstage workshops train students in the technical aspects of theatre, including lighting, sound, and costuming.

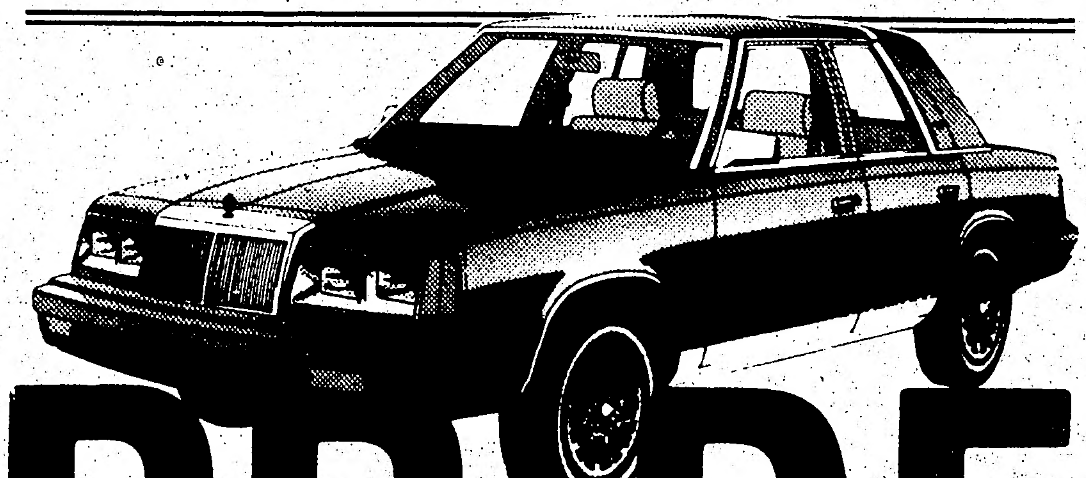
Students get a real "hands-on" experience, Dubin told The Canadian Jewish News.

An innovative course is entitled Professionalize Yourself, in which lawyers, businesspeople and other professionals are taught to use acting techniques to help improve ~~their image~~ and presentation skills.

Many children and teenagers, says Dubin, come to the school to develop their social skills and overcome shyness, as well as just for fun. "Drama is the most social of the arts: it teaches how to deal with other people," she said.

Instructors include Louis Baumander, of North York's new Skylight Theatre, and Ken Gass of the Factory Theatre Lab.

For more information and registration, call 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271.



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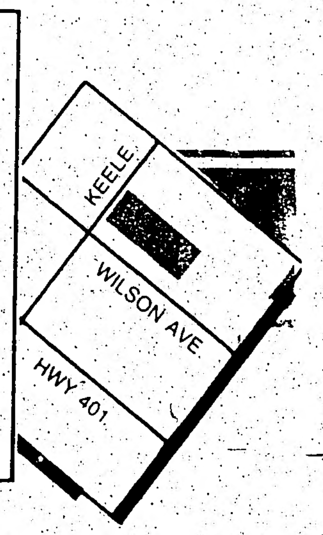

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Arts

2 works probe Menachem Begin's fall from grace

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Life and Times of Menachem Begin, by Amos Perlmutter, Doubleday, $29.50. To Win or to Die — A Personal Portrait of Menachem Begin, by Ned Temko. Macmillan, $28.95.

A victim of self-imposed solitary confinement, Menachem Begin has entered into the realm of mystery and legend. Not long ago his fanatical supporters hailed him "King of Israel;" today he is a tragic and forlorn figure. One of Israel's foremost orators has become a man of silence.

Why did Begin in 1983 decide to leave his high office? Why has he remained mute and inaccessible? Perlmutter believes that the Prime Minister was emotionally shattered by the hundreds of young Israelis who died in Lebanon, the shame of Sabra and Shatila and the duplicity and disloyalty of his erstwhile friends. Perlmutter blames Ariel Sharon for the Lebanon debacle. He is depicted as a megalomaniac who deliberately misled the Prime Minister.

books

Perlmutter also asserts that Begin suffered from periods of severe depression and lacked the stamina, physical and emotional, to persist and prevail under severe pressure.

Begin was a brave, tireless and loyal son of his people. All through his life he fought and won battles against great odds. In Poland he rose to prominence in the Revisionist Zionist movement which had as its goal the creation of a Jewish state on both sides of the Jordan. Imprisoned in Siberia by the Russians for his underground Zionist activities, he entered Palestine as a soldier in the Polish army.

Perlmutter writes that Begin "in many ways remained forever an outsider. He lived in Israel without really becoming part of the land of Israel . . . To Begin, Israel would remain a dream place, an ideal and a symbol, not a real world."

He waged a desperate underground battle against the British which led to their eventual departure from Palestine and the birth of the Jewish state. After 39 long years in the political wilderness he became Prime Minister in 1977 and again in 1981.

His greatest achievement was the signing of Israel's peace treaty with Egypt, the first with an Arab nation. It is unlikely that any other Israel politician could have fashioned this agreement.

For both authors, Begin is a sympathetic figure, essentially a European "gentleman," whose lofty ideals were undermined by unexpected events.

Begin's legacy includes accomplishments that are tempered by grievous failures. In making peace with Egypt on his own terms, he badly frayed Israel's ties with the United States. In driving the PLO from Lebanon he helped encourage a new Shiite Muslim terror in its place. In humbling Damascus he drove President Assad closer to the kremlin.

At home he left an economy in shambles. By the time he left office, 10,000 Israeli pounds were worth barely 10 American dollars. Finally, in championing the Sephardic underclass and the extreme religious elements in the community, he left behind unprecedented divisions in Israeli society.

Both books are painstakingly researched, well written and eminently readable. They relate, in dramatic detail, the story of a man of "irreconcilable aspirations and strange contrasts," a flawed hero whose place, nevertheless, is secure in Israeli and Jewish history.

New duo in Jewish music world

TORONTO —

Two former Winnipeggers, transplanted to Toronto, have combined their talents to form a dynamic new duo in the Jewish music world.

Linda Segal, soprano, and Edith Narvey-Komisar, pianist, have prepared a number of programs to delight Jewish listeners. Presented with scripts appropriate to the themes, the programs focus on several ideas including Israel the land, Yiddish favorites, moods and themes of Israel, and Jewish holiday programs such as Pesach, Chanukah, etc.

Their most recent collaboration is entitled *Musical Migrations: Two Traditions of Jewish Music;* it combines the haunting and poignant Ladino melodies of medieval Spain with the rich Ashkenazi music of Europe and Russia.

Both Segal and Narvey-Komisar have a history of involvement in music and more particularly, Jewish music.

Segal's earliest links with Jewish music go back to her home and her parents' deep love of music. "My parents were always singing," says Segal, "and the love they exuded was transmitted to their children."

Segal's earliest singing took place in Winnipeg's Shaarey Zedek Choir. In Toronto she became involved in the Beth Tikvah Choir at its inception. "There were only eight members when we began in 1967," she recalls.

Since then she has been a member and soloist in the choir for almost 18 of the past 20 years. She has also been well received as a solo artist in her own right, having performed frequently for Ontario Jewish community organizations and synagogues.

In addition, Segal has served as cantor at the Beach Hebrew Institute for the past three years. "The response to me as a female cantor has been most rewarding," she notes. "If I can inspire others in a meaningful prayer experience through my davening, I am profoundly happy."

Narvey-Komisar's musical background goes back to her childhood in Winnipeg as well. There she participated in choirs from the tender age of 6, and started performing as an accompanist in her high school years.

An accomplished music teacher, Narvey-Komisar has also accompanied many of Toronto's finest choirs and soloists.

At present she is the accompanist for the Holy Blossom Singers, as well as the conductor-accompanist for the Edith Narvey Heritage Singers, a women's vocal ensemble currently celebrating its 25th anniversary. In fact, she not only coaches the group but also arranges some of the music which the Heritage Singers perform.

An enthusiastic singer herself, Narvey-Komisar still finds time to sing with the Beth Tzedec Choral Group. "It is a source of great satisfaction for me to be involved in a variety of musical activities in the Jewish community," she says.

Further information can be obtained by calling Linda Segal at 223-2554 or Edith Narvey-Komisar at 431-5002.

Israeli's paintings at ORT event

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Israeli artist Calman Shemi was Toronto Women's ORT guest of honor at a recent preview of the artist's collection of soft paintings and works on paper at Toronto's Circle Gallery.

The gala evening, co-sponsored by Circle Gallery, 19 Hazelton Ave., was attended by close to 100 members of ORT.

Shemi, one of Israel's most respected artists with unique soft paintings, has created an unusual technique that combines the soft, ethereal textures of fabric with a vibrant handling of color.

Each of the artist's soft paintings is derived from ~~his~~ own personal experience. Shemi has been quoted as saying: "A number of motifs which recur in my work — trees, fields of dried weeds and thorns, and other landscapes — reflect the years I have spent living as a member of Kibbutz Carmia, close to the earth and the natural environment. That, indeed, is the backbone of my art."

Shemi was born in Argentina in 1939 and emigrated to Israel in 1961. There, he studied sculpture with Rudi Lehman, the German-Israeli sculptor. In 1977, the artist "invented" his first soft paintings, utilizing different textures of wool, felt, and other natural fibers.

His colorful brochure describes his technique:

"To create each work, the artist first makes a maquette, a color drawing to scale that serves as the guide for the soft painting. Pieces of naturally dyed fabric are then cut by hand and arranged, layer by layer, under the artist's supervision. Using large needles, artisans secure the collage swatches by pushing them into the background fabric. At Kibbutz Carmia, the fabric is then permanently affixed to the background, using a patented process devised by the artist and Israeli designers."

In 1986, Shemi, who lives in Jerusalem, toured the United States for two series of 1-man shows at Circle Fine Art galleries.

Referring to the exhibition at Circle Gallery-Soho, Diana Freedman of Artspeak wrote, "In the soft paintings of Calman Shemi, color is the major vehicle for expressing such contrast. Shemi's strength as a colorist lies in his ability to organize extremes of tone, intensity and hue within a single work, to create a harmonious whole."

In addition to his soft paintings, the artist has recently created his first large-scale works on paper.

The ORT preview, featuring exclusively Shemi's work, included 25 tapestries and six oils. The soft paintings range in price from $3,500 to $5,000; the oils, from $4,000 to $8,000.

A portion of all proceeds from this event were donated to Toronto Women's ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training), the world's largest non-governmental vocational and technical education program.

A small selection of the artist's works will remain on view until Oct. 5.

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The program, now in its third year, flies people who sign up from Canada to Israel, puts them up in 3-star hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and organizes a schedule of activities designed to educate and stimulate them.

Participants will leave Canada on Dec. 7 or Jan. 6 with the return flight on March 7. Those going for three months will spend the first two in Tel Aviv and the third in Jerusalem. The 2-month program will be divided equally between the two cities.

"The first few days there, you will be able to rest and overcome any jet lag you may experience," says Bar-Am." After that you will begin to study Hebrew, if you are not already familiar with the language, and you will become involved in work and educational programs.

"The work you perform will be based on your physical abilities. For example, if you are able you will be working two half days a week in JNF forests and three half-days in social services (hospitals, schools, senior citizen centres). There will be weekly lectures on social affairs, economy, natural sciences, the JNF, and more."

There will also be a 5-day tour in the Galil and Tiberias areas, a 3-day tour to Eilat, other full or half-day tours, and a 1-week break in the middle of the program for doing whatever individual participants wish, the shaliach says.

"Of special significance this year is the opportunity to help the Jewish State celebrate its 40th anniversary, Bar-Am said. "There will, no doubt, be special events planned throughout 1988 to commemorate this wonderful occasion, and those of you who join the Golden Age/JNF program will be able to share in the excitement — and at a most reasonable cost."

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Three New York hotels bound to please any traveller

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

NEW YORK — A good hotel, ideally, is a home away from home — a place where you can lean back and relax in an environment of safety and comfort.

In New York, a favorite destination of Canadians, you'd do well to consider three hotels bound to please any traveller — the Hilton, the Beverly and the Loews Summit.

All of them have just been renovated, are centrally located in Manhattan and offer special weekend packages.

And most important of all, all three impart an ambience that makes you feel at ease right away.

The New York Hilton at Rockefeller Center occupies an entire city block on the Avenue of the Americas from West 53rd St. to West 54th St. The blue-tinted 46-storey building, which rises 487 feet above street level, is New York's largest hostelry.

Opened in 1963, the Hilton recently completed more than $60 million worth of renovations on its lobby, grand ballroom and guest rooms. It also added new equipment to speed check-in and check-out.

The Hilton, whose $1 million art collection consists of about 8,500 paintings, sculptures and lithographs, caters to all financial tastes.

The least inexpensive room in this super-luxurious hotel is $145 per night. If you're willing to spend somewhat more, you'll be housed in the executive tower, a hotel-within-a-hotel on the 39th to 44th floors.

The executive tower, which has its own reception desk, manager and housekeeping staff, is an insulated world of quiet efficiency and unexpected perks.

Complimentary breakfasts, afternoon tea and early evening cocktails are served daily.

And guest rooms, all of which offer fine views of New York's concrete canyons, come with either a king-size bed or two double beds.

For good measure, a free copy of the Wall Street Journal is included with each executive tower room.

It should be noted, too, that the Wall Street Journal Business Center, the only facility of its kind in New York City, comes equipped with personal computers, 24-hour dictation service and a reference library.

The Hilton's Rainbow Weekend is $114 per person, based on double occupancy. For reservations, call (212)586-7000.

On 125th East 50th St. at Lexington Ave., on the fashionable East Side, is the 26-storey Romanesque-style Beverly.

A family-owned hotel marking its 60th anniversary this year, the Beverly was designed by the renowned Emery Roth as a residential hostelry.

A $6 million, 5-year refurbishing program, now ending, saw the complete redecoration of its 100 1-bedroom suites, 75 junior suites and 25 deluxe double rooms.

Exuding a homey atmosphere, the Beverly is almost unique among Manhattan hotels inasmuch as every one of its suites and junior suites has a completely equipped kitchenette.

All other rooms are furnished with counter top refrigerators.

And this is particularly important if you're on a count-the-pennies family vacation.

The Beverly, which imparts a European mood, has a 24-hour pharmacy with a coffee shop and a multilingual concierge, a Moroccan Jewish woman who is the epitome of Middle Eastern hospitality.

Rates range from $129 for a single standard bedroom to $245 for a 1-bedroom suite.

As of September, weekend specials range from $42 to $52 per person on a double occupancy basis.

For reservations, call 1-800-223-0945.

Just around the corner from the Beverly is the **Loews Summit**, at 569 Lexington Ave.

Workmen have just finished a $4 million renovation that has transformed the facade, guest rooms, corridors, penthouse banquet rooms, Maude's Restaurant, and the lobby.

Part of a world-wide chain that includes Le Concorde in Quebec City and the Westbury in Toronto, the Summit is an unpretentious hotel tailor-made to relax a harried tourist.

Guests are encouraged to use the new health club, which features a jacuzzi, sauna, exercise cyles and ballet bar.

The Summit's specials are hard to resist. The no-frills weekender is $89 per room per night, and that also gets you free parking, a 10% discount on food and beverage in Maude's and free accommodation for children under 14.

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Australians busy preparing for major celebrations

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

CANBERRA — This one-time sheep farm, now capital of Australia, will mark the 200th anniversary of European settlement on the Down Under continent, with a new Parliament Building next May. The setting is on a hill on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin, a man-made lake named after the Chicago architect who won a worldwide competition to design a capital city for the country in 1912.

Easily seen from the new Parliament, and from most places along the shore of Lake Burley Griffin, is the Captain Cook Memorial Water Jet, which spouts 140 metres (460 feet) into the air for two hours each morning and each afternoon and during the evenings in Australia's summer — Canada's winter. It is one of the world's tallest water jets this travel reporter has been fortunate enough to have seen.

The opening of the new Parliament Building is but one of many special events to take place in Australia next year, a good time to visit this country on the other side of the world. Another is the World Expo 88 at Brisbane, Queensland, almost 3,000 kilometres by air north of Canberra.

The Brisbane Expo will have as its theme Leisure in the Age of Technology, with most Pacific Rim countries, Canada included, represented with pavilions. The site is on the Brisbane River, with 70,000 Australian trees and shrubs and emphasis on the tropical climate.

The international show will be opened by Queen Elizabeth on April 30 and will last till Oct. 30. Major international participating countries will feature achievements in sports medicine and sports technology in their pavilions.

Brisbane, a city of almost 1 million people, is close by the Pacific Ocean and within a hundred miles from the spectacular surf beaches of the Great Barrier Reef and the broad sand beaches of the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast. In the Brisbane area you can cuddle more teddy-bear-like koalas than anywhere else in the world.

Australia is a land of contrasts. Along the eastern coasts are the major cities, Sydney and Melbourne, with capital city Canberra in between. Each of the two largest cities have over 3 million inhabitants, a variety of attractions ranging from unforgettable art galleries to spectacularly located zoos. In Sydney you can tour its magnificent harbor by motorboat or yacht, see the magnificent opera house with its concrete sails and watch the surfers.

Along the south coast are the growing cities of Adelaide and Perth, and the island state of Tasmania. In the centre is desert, the vast piece of stone known as Ayers Rock which is 3 kilometres long and towers 348 metres (1,142 feet) above the desert, and also Alice Springs, an oasis in a parched rugged region which has become a favorite tourist resort.

Of special interest to Jewish visitors is the history of Jewish settlements since early in the last century. In this 200th anniversary year, it is known that the first synagogue was built in Sydney in 1844. There are synagogues in Newcastle, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth and Canberra, where there is also the Israel embassy.

Sydney and Melbourne have a number of cultural and educational organizations, various clubs, book stores, welfare groups and a few restaurants.

In 1828 there were some 100 Jews in the Sydney area and 50 in today's Tasmania. The immigration from England boomed in the 1830s, gold discoveries in the 1850s brought more. East European pogroms brought many in the late 1890s and early years of this century, but the main influx came after the 1930s.

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30	BANNATYNE DRIVE	$499,000	Randy Kalef
245	ST. CLAIR AVENUE	$690,000	Rhona Friedenthal
254	GREEN LANE	$499,000	Saryl Spector
69	THORNRIDGE DRIVE	$420,000	Saryl Spector
2	TULLAMORE DRIVE	$469,000	Simone Stern/Marion Alberga
277	HIDDEN TRAIL	$439,000	Simone Stern/Marion Alberga
10	FORESTWOOD	$569,000	Irene Joseph
488	CASTLEFIELD AVE.	$339,000	Marc Joseph
210	OLD FOREST HILL	$619,000	Bill Greisman
202	SANDRINGHAM	$1,150,000	Jack/Syma Solomon
424	GLENGROVE	$429,000	Frances Novak
15	WARREN RD.	$950,000	Tony Farb/Zoe Margolis
15	SYDNOR RD.	$364,900	Natalie Kopman
10	KENNETH AVENUE	$189,000	Toby Salzman
7	CLEARCREST AVE.	$379,500	Toby Saltzman
186	BANBURY ROAD	$429,000	Saryl Spector/ Rhona Friedenthal
20	WHITELOCK CRESC.	$309,000	Simone Stern/Marion Alberga
18	OLD PARK RD.	$559,000	Bill Greisman
31	BURNCREST	$224,900	Carole Lazer
32	APOLLO DR.	$499,000	Doreen Ruscica/ Annabelle Taylor
110	BALMORAL	$425,000	Michele Rosen
128	DEWBOURNE	$ 449,000	Bill Greisman
59	THE BRIDLE PATH	$2,450,000	Hedy Feher
294	HILLHURST	$569,000	Rachel Ilany/Alyce Dlouha
257	AIRDRIE	$210,000	Barbara Jacobs
324	GLENAYR RD.	$825,000	Gerard/Lili Fournier
15	ALDERBROOK	$1,290,000	Ellen Olivier
133	STRATHALLAN BLVD.	$710,000	Jeffrey Joseph
25	ALDERBROOK	$1,325,000	Hedy Feher
23	HIGH POINT RD.	$2,950,000	Elise Kalles
29	MILLBANK AVE.	$539,000	Jeffrey Joseph
19	SALONICA	$795,000	Jean Zinman
15	BRANDY COURT	$1,290,000	Hedy Feher
17	DUNCANNON	$413,000	Gerard/Lili Fournier
27	ROSEPARK	$639,000	Jack/Syma Solomon
55	ARJAY CRESC.	$619,000	Arlette Carmona
329	WARREN	$324,000	Alyce Dlouha/Rachel Ilany
314	ORIOLE PARKWAY	$529,000	Gerard/Lili Fournier
30	HOLLY ST. #304	$252,500	Louise Knuppel
230	VIEWMOUNT AVE.	$309,000	Arlette Carmona
37	AVA RD.	$675,000	Marion Davis
80	GLEN ECHO	$549,900	Rhona Friedenthal/ Saryl Sector
19	KILLARNEY	$725,000	Jean Zinman
597	ORIOLE PARKWAY	$510,000	Cheryl Graff
624	COLDSTREAM	$229,900	Jack/Syma Solomon
21	GLEN PARK	$289,000	Gerard/Lili Fournier
40	STRATHEARN	$649,000	Naomi Fruitman
21	SUNCREST	$1,100,000	Jack/Syma Solomon
6	SPARWOOD COURT	$389,000	Toby Saltzman
43	BERKINDALE DRIVE	$525,000	Toby Saltzman
31	FIFESHIRE ROAD	$798,000	Natalie Kopman/ Naomi Fruitman
7	GLADIOLA COURT	$498,000	Natalie Kopman/ Naomi Fruitman
25	SAWLEY DRIVE	$405,000	Natalie Kopman/ Naomi Fruitman
104	CONFEDERATION WAY	$224,900	Carol Greenglass
11	ANETA CIRCLE	$245,000	Rhona Friedenthal
24	HAWTHORNE	$869,000	Zoe Margolis
13	BRANDY COURT	$969,000	Gail Prince
6	NINA ST.	$439,000	Jack/Syma Solomon
22	DALTON	$349,000	Gerard/Lili Fournier
16	FRONTENAC AVE.	$449,000	Gertrude Kerbel
7	BROWSIDE AVE.	$635,000	Rachel Ilany/Alyce Dlouha
17	ENID CRESC.	$179,000	Gertrude Kerbel
26	SANDRINGHAM	$2,500,000	Elise Kalles
3	WELLS HILL	$519,000	Jack/Syma Solomon
115	LASCELLES BLVD.	$399,940	Gerard/Lili Fournier
150	ST. CLAIR #202	$189,900	Louise Knuppel
155	HILLMOUNT AVE.	$259,900	Arlette Carmona
26A	DUNDONALD ST.	$405,000	Arlette Carmona
4	STRATHEARN BLVD.	$525,000	Alyce Dlouha/Rachel Ilany
20	PAPE AVE.	$139,900	Robert Greenberg
320	GLENAYR RD.	$549,000	Rachel Ilany/Alyce Dlouha
324	GLENAYR RD.	$825,000	Gerard/Lili Fournier
19	WARLOCK	$389,900	Gary Plant
6	CANADIANA DR.	$689,000	Pearl Garfinkel
370	RUSSELL HILL	$1,100,000	Marion Davis
210	OLD FOREST HILL RD.	$619,000	Bill Greisman
157	HILLHURST BLVD.	$339,000	Bill Greisman
22	RIDELLE AVE.	$429,000	Bill Greisman
32	GORDON RD.	$410,000	Faygie Buchman
160	HILLMOUNT AVENUE	$289,000	Carol Greenglass/ Natalie Kopman
10	THORN LANE	$336,000	Carol Greenglass
78	GILMORE CRESC.	$189,000	Renee Saks
9	ELMRIDGE ACRES	$379,900	Carol Greenglass
31	PINNACLE ROAD	$479,000	Cheryl Graff
142	HUNTINGTON PK. DR.	$379,000	Toby Saltzman
99	OLD COLONY	$1,050,000	Marilyn Feldman
7	WOOLSTHORPE CRESC.	$349,000	Barbara Kreiger
52	SANDFIELD ROAD	$955,000	Rhona Friedenthal
19	ROLLSCOURT DRIVE	$485,000	Pearl Garkinkel
3167	BAYVIEW AVENUE	$393,000	Carol Greenglass
46	WEATHERSTONE CRESC.	$369,000	Renee Saks
2	SONATA CRESCENT	$484,900	Natalie Kopman
8	THE BRIDLE PATH	$2,190,000	Hedy Feher
39	ARGONNE CRESCENT	$444,000	Gloria Friedman
65	HARRISON ROAD	$1,090,000	Frances Novak/Michele Noar
25	BIRCHWOOD AVENUE	$425,000	Frances Novak/Michele Noar
2	HASHBURY PLACE	$525,000	Saryl Spector/ Rhona Friedenthal
247	GREEN LANE	$515,000	Saryl Spector
16	WINBORNE ROAD	$330,000	Annette Goldstein
58	OLD FOREST HILL ROAD	$1,100,000	Simone Stern/Marion Alberga
40	ROLLSCOURT RD.	$535,000	Simone Stern/Marion Alberga
14	PRESCOTT COURT	$839,000	Randy Kalef
3	TANVALLEY COURT	$813,000	Randy Kalef
12	WATERLOO COURT	$752,000	Randy Kalef
15	TOFINO CRESCENT	$489,000	Caron Nightingale
47	STACEY CRESCENT	$428,000	Caron Nightingale/ Frances Novak
15	McMURRICH ST. #302	$189,000	Marilyn Feldman
66	PINNACLE ROAD	$769,000	Cheryl Graff
62	BERKINDALE DRIVE	$755,000	Randy Kalef
18	OXBOW ROAD	$700,000	Randy Kalef
21	CRAIGMONT DRIVE	$289,000	Annette Goldstein
58	RODEO DRIVE	$410,000	Annette Goldstein
11	WOODHOUSE DRIVE	$229,500	Gloria Friedman
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LOWER VILLAGE/RUSSELL HILL RD.
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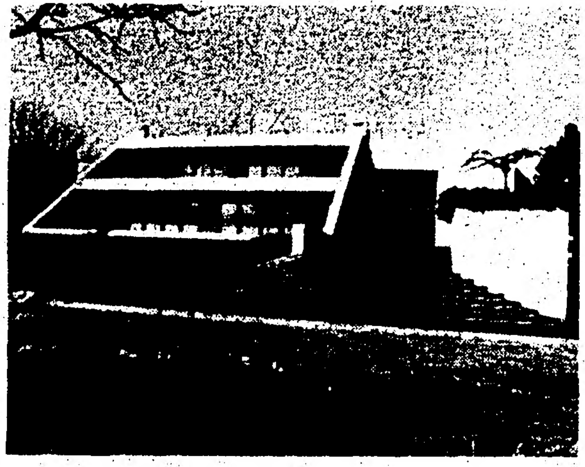
$809,000. South of 401 — Very large 11 room custom home. In fabulous neighborhood. 5 bdrms, den, family rm, w/o basmt, huge new kitchen. Arlette Carmona 488-4488.



HIGH DRAMA! BRIDLE PATH
$6,950,000. Ultra-modern architecture, outstanding design on 2 acres. 30,000 sq. ft. of sheer luxury features 3-level garden atrium, stunning indoor pool, elevator, extensive staff quarters.
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$379,900 Well kept 2 storey, 4 lge. bdrms., 3 baths, main fl. fam. rm., upgraded kitchen, stained hardwood flrs., pool size lot. Many extras.
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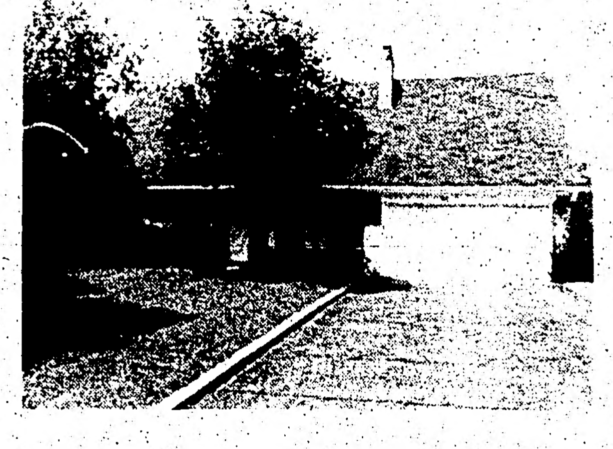
$499,000 Gracious 4 bdrm, main floor family rm, eat-in kitchen and walkout to 40 ft. deck, fin. lower level with walkout, 2 fireplaces, central air & vac + + +. Walk to TTC. Randy Kalef 441-2888.



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$369,000. Estate sale. 3 bdrm, 3 bths. Spacious bright sidesplit with separate in-law suite.
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$1,450,000 Palatial Georgian executive home. Shows to perfection. Lot 66 x 410. Tennis court, add your own pool. Gertrude Kerbel 488-4488.

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Country feeling — charm, open fireplace, comfortable living with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Main floor family room and walk-out to deck. Quiet prestigious street, 5 minutes to schools, shopping, TTC.
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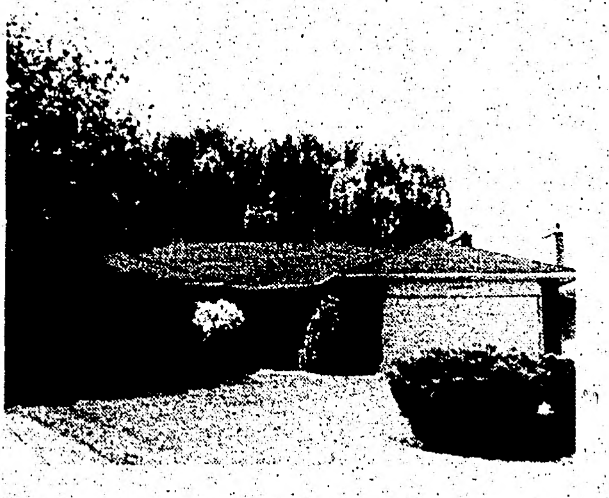
NEW LISTING! LESLIE/STEELES
Stunning 4+2 bdrm. home with mn. floor fam. & laundry rm. Lovely eat-in kit. Finished lower level with walk-out to private ravine lot. P. Garfinkel/ B. Belzycki 441-2888.

BATHURST/STEELES ELEGANT 2 STOREY
4+1 bdrm., marble entrance, garden kit., fin. bsmt., 4 baths, central air & vac., appls., $$ in extras! Ellie Goldstein 441-2888.

YORK MILLS DELIGHT $543,900
Updated 2 storey 4 br. mn. flr. family rm., laundry & 2pc., fin. rec. rm., private putting green.
Cheryl Graff 441-2888.



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$475,000. Must be seen! Fabulous garden, spacious 4 bdrm. with many upgrades, marble, mirrors, jacuzzi + much more! Caron Nightingale/ Saryl Spector/Frances Novack 441-2888.

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BATHURST-STEELES — CHILD'S PARADISE!
Quiet cres., fin. bsmnt. with playroom, 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm., fenced garden, near parks, priced to sell! Robin Korman, 731-7111.

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PROMENADE-CLARK — MOVE ON UP!
6 mos. new, spacious 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., library, gourmet kitcn., 50' lot, exquisite decor, grand entrance, Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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EDMUND SEAGER ESTATES — CUSTOM BUILT
Gorgeous 4 bdrm., 4 bths., mn. flr. library & fam. rm., open concept, super gourmet kitch., upgrades, 60' lot, Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED!
Charming 4 bdrm., mn. flr. sunken fam. rm., corner brick firepl., lg. eat-in kitch., fully fenced & landscaped garden. Close to amenities. $224,900. Sharon Balaban, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-YORK HILL — SOLID COMFORT
Spacious 4 bdrm., centre hall plan, lg. principle rms. French drs., air, close to all amenities. Won't last! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — BUY OF THE WEEK!
Just listed! Investment opportunity. Owner will lease back 3 bd., fin. bsmnt., air, 6 appls., dble. gar., vaue+. $195,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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NEW WESTMINSTER & PROMENADE — $274,900
Almost new! 4 bdrm., 6 mo. old, mn. flr. laundry & fam., shows like a model! Super value! Mike James, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED!
2,400 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., spacious entrance, ceramic flrs., pot lights, porch enclosure, Heatolater firepl. in fam. rm., near all amenities, March poss. Paula Bernstein, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — BUILDER'S HOME
Spacious 3,000 sq. ft., 4 bdrm. mn. flr. den & fam. rm., near all amenities. Loaded! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — NEAR PARK
Splendid 4 bdrm., quiet cres., neutral decor, mn. flr. fam. & laundry, skylight, dble. gar. Batsheva Kojfman, 731-7111.

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Teachers work to rule to protest negotiations

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Teachers at three Jewish day schools have been working to rule and have given their union the mandate to call a strike whenever it sees fit.

The approximately 330 teachers at United Talmud Torahs, Jewish People's and Peretz Schools and Hebrew Academy are protesting the lack of progress in negotiations for a new contract. They have rejected the latest offer made by the school corporations.

Their last contract with the school corporations expired at the end of August–last year. Negotiations began in May, 1986 and are now in conciliation.

The teachers have been working to rule since Sept. 13, two weeks after the first conciliation session since talks, suspended at the end of June, brought the two sides no closer to an agreement. The major effect of working to rule is that the teachers are not supervising any extra-curricular activities. This has meant that such activities as sports, dances and field trips at the schools have been cancelled or led by administrators.

Marcy Fewkes, president of the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools, said the union's steering committee decided not to call a strike immediately because "We do not want to upset the apple cart; we want a negotiated settlement. We don't want parents to leave the (Jewish day school) system."

Working to rule, however, Fewkes believes will show the school corporations the teachers "mean business...We've been pushed against the wall and we have to push back."

Fewkes said the Quebec labor department has been informed of the strike vote and a strike can legally begin after 24 hours' notice. She would not disclose what percentage of the teachers voted in favor of strike action. Turnout at the separate teachers meetings averaged: Hebrew Academy, 87%; JPPS, 82%; and UTT, 59%.

Among the outstanding issues in the dispute are teachers' workloads and duties; the Federation president's leave of absence; integration of principals back into teaching, specifically, their place on the seniority list; recognition of 19 years of scholarity; scheduling of periods in the elementary schools; and the opening of the school year.

At the Aug. 31 conciliation meeting, the Federation made what it considers a major concession: it dropped its demand that the schools not open until Sept. 1. The federation agreed to the schools' opening within the last three weekdays of August. (This year the three schools involved started classes Aug. 27.)

The provincially appointed conciliator, Bernard Boulanger, was to have called another conciliation meeting Sept. 21.

One teacher, Evelyn Cohen who has taught at Hebrew Academy for 14 years and previously taught in the public school system, expressed what she felt is the feeling of many of her colleagues: Teachers in the Jewish day schools feel they are not valued enough.

"If the climate of the school is not one of respect and support of the educative process, then teaching becomes difficult . . . . The atmosphere in the schools is deteriorating and interruptions in teaching are inevitable."

Bat mitzvah study highlights year at the Hebrew U

TORONTO —

For two young Toronto women, intense extra learning leading to bat mitzvahs highlighted their study this past year at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Pearl Gropper, 20, and Marni Price, 22, took part in a beit midrash program at the University's Hecht Synagogue. The program of weekly one-on-one sessions with a tutor is designed to help students explore their Jewish roots.

"A friend of mine in Hebrew class had a bar mitzvah at the Western Wall and it really struck me, because I had never had a bat mitzvah," Gropper, a third-year political science student at York University, said recently.

"Marni and I both chose the sections we wanted to read for our bat mitzvah ceremonies. She did the Song of Songs and I did the Book of Ruth. Together we analyzed them and discovered what we thought of them."

Price, a fourth-year fine arts major at York, said it was very important to her that the ceremony was something she chose to do.

"A lot of kids do it at 12 or 13 and they don't really realize what they're doing," Price said. "For me, it was very important and timely, because it directly coincided with the time I felt I needed to say goodbye to childhood — in my first year away from home.

"I felt the time was right and the Song of Songs had a lot to say — a great deal of meaning as an allegory when I compared passages to my passage through life and childhood and where I've arrived now.

"But I can't really measure the experience in religious terms, because it was the first landmark ritual I've ever performed in Judaism."

Both Gropper and Price stressed that the openness of the Hebrew University beit midrash, its lack of intimidation in religious learning and its tailormade instruction sparked their curiosity and helped them reach their goal.

"I think neither our families nor our friends realized what we were up to until they came here and realized how deeply it was felt," Gropper said. "I think we surprised everyone."

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Announced in December of last year by the federal government and FLICCC, the budget will be split equally between newly-formed marketing and technological groups under FLICCC's direction.

Half the funding was provided by the federal department of regional industrial expansion in answer to a submission by the Footwear and Leather Institute on the dual industry needs of increased marketing efficiency and high technology sophistication.

The technical group is focusing its efforts on the identification, transfer and adaptation of advanced technologies and the development of integrated management information systems.

The marketing segment has targeted merchandising and design information, education and export aid as its goals.

Business seminar to be held

TORONTO — A seminar called Marketing Professional Services will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 27 and 28 at the York University campus in North York.

Sponsored by York's Centre for Continuing Education the seminar is designed for members of firms who offer professional or other individual services as a significant part of their public offering to clients or customers: e.g. accountants, lawyers, architects, engineers, consultants, banking executives, financial and investment counselors, stockbrokers and underwriters.

Seminar highlights are: A marketing diagnostic audit to evaluate your firm's marketing posture; Developing a specific marketing strategy for your firm; How to set up your marketing information system; Proven techniques to build your business/practice; Step-by-step process for writing your company's marketing plan.

Seminar leader is Peter Zarry, president of D. W. Hartford and Associates, an advertising agency specializing in strategic marketing planning.

The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Senate Chambers at York University, 4700 Keele St.

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Bank Leumi triples net profits for 1st half

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Bank Leumi last week reported a tripling of net profits for the first half of 1987. In addition, in a move that caught financial and government circles by surprise, Leumi announced that it had obtained the services of two former key government figures for companies in the Leumi group, if only in non-executive capacities.

Both developments are being seen as personal successes for Leumi's chief executive officer, Zadik Bino.

Victor Medina, who resigned as head of the monetary department of the Bank of Israel in June, is to become a member of the board, and chairman of the investment committee of Leumi's PIA mutual fund subsidiary and of its provident-fund management subsidiary.

Aharon Fogel, who is due to leave his senior Treasury post as director of the budget division later this month, will become chairman of Leumi's merchant bank subsidiary, Leumi and Co.

The Bank Leumi group reported a net profit of NIS 64 million for the first half — more than three times the inflation-adjusted equivalent for the same period of 1986.

The bank's earnings in the second quarter of this year were more than twice as high as in the first quarter, apparently because it concentrated on its most profitable areas of business and ran down its activities in other sectors.

Latest high-tech appliances

Kitchen will be featured at show

TORONTO — Visitors to the Toronto Home Improvement Show Oct. 15-18 will be treated to a fascinating kitchen feature presented by Jim Hazzard.

Kitchen designer Hazzard will display "My Favorite Kitchen" at the show to be held at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place.

Located on the mezzanine level, the kitchen will be in high gloss white with yellow trim, fitted with labor saving devices and organizational aids to save time and space, including the latest in high-tech appliances from North America and European manufacturers.

Visitors who bring their own kitchen plans to the show will be furnished with an area where Hazzard and an associate designer will assist visitors in their planning and design.

In addition, Hazzard will speak four times a day, in the ministry of housing theatre on the exhibit floor. Show visitors will be encouraged to come prepared with pencil and paper as he lectures on kitchen/bathroom design and products.

Admission to the show is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors and $3 for children 8 to 14. Children under 8 are admitted free, when accompanied by an adult.

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Ford and Associates — a learning centre staffed by a multidisciplinary team of educational consultants led by educational psychologist William Ford — offers the sessions in small groups during evenings or weekends. The four sessions include structured exercises using models of study notes, highlighted text and examinations.

The workshops take place at Ford and Associates's centre or may be provided through the school. During the last academic year, workshops were offered at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, and will be offered there again this year.

The 11-year-old learning centre, which runs other skills courses as well, also provides a school selection service for executives who have relocated with their families or for families who are seeking a change of school for their youngster. The service assists parents in achieving "an optimal match between their educational objectives for their child, the child's own learning style and abilities and available schools," writes Ford's wife, Louise.

The school search extends to schools all across North America, says Ford, 42, who along with his wife helped set up The Downtown Jewish Community School in Toronto in the early 1980s.

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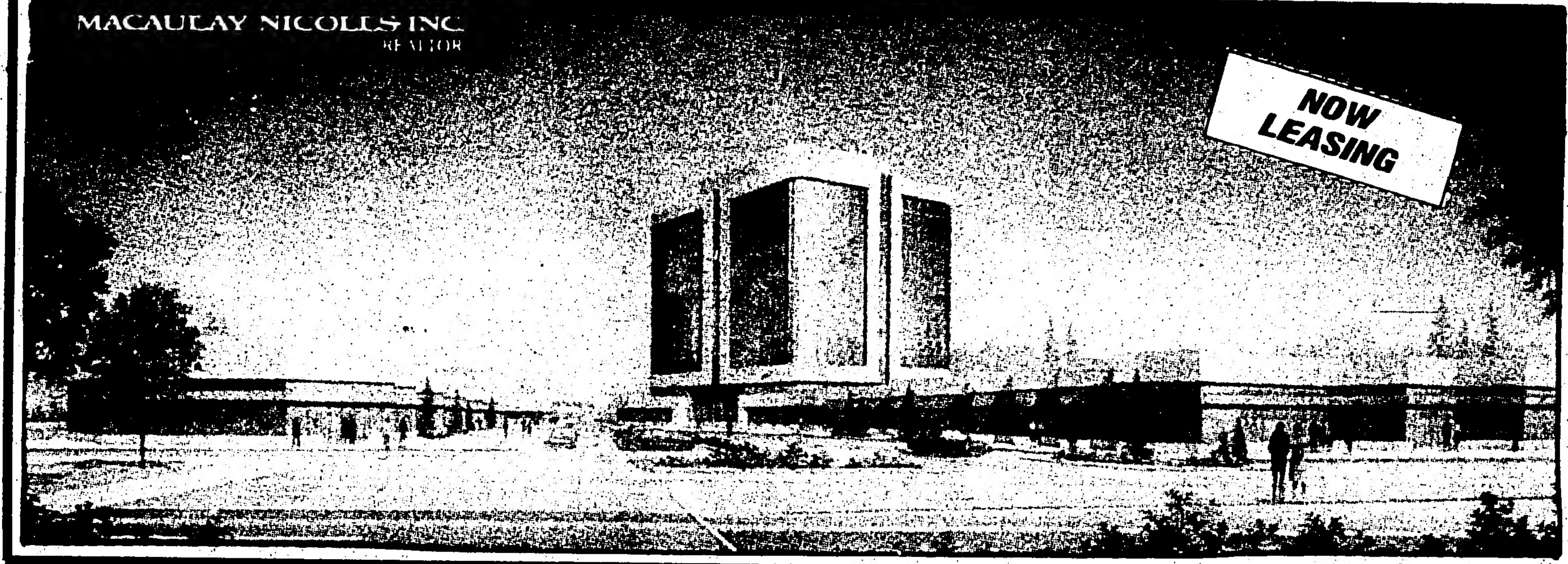

Business centre opens

TORONTO — This city's new Small Business Self-Help Centre at City Hall was officially opened recently by Mayor Art Eggleton and MPP Joe Cordiano.

The centre, a joint project of the City of Toronto and the province of Ontario, is conveniently located on the main floor of City Hall. It is one of the several Small Business Centres co-sponsored by the provincial government and local municipalities throughout Ontario.

Free information and advice is offered to entrepreneurs who are both establishing and running their own small businesses. Take-home literature, resource material and other valuable references are also provided.

Knowledgeable staff are available to help people find their way through the numerous government programs and the rules and regulations required by the various levels of government.

The new centre is one of the many initiatives the City of Toronto has undertaken to help small business. These include the ongoing improvement of neighborhood retail business strips through the Business Improvement Area program, funding of the YMCA Youth Enterprise Centre, and promoting Toronto's Fashion Industry.

Vivian Leir, who has a background as a small business consultant, has been appointed coordinator of the Centre.

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Profits soar 253%

Bank Hapoalim shows upswing

New approach paying off

TEL AVIV –

A continued upswing in profitability has been shown by Bank Hapoalim for the first half of 1987.

Net profit reported reached $42 million (U.S.) during this period, compared with $12 million last year, an increase of 253% over the first six months of 1986. Consolidated operating profits before taxes, which increased by 265%, were $88 million compared with $24 million last year.

This rise in the profits of Israel's largest financial Group is attributed by Amiram Sivan, chairman of the Bank Hapoalim board of management, to the new policy of the bank. This new approach is characterized by expanded business with small- and medium-sized companies as well as the selective expansion of activity among major corporate clients and households.

The introduction of more attractive banking innovations for the Israeli public, the enhanced performance of its international network, and the continued streamlining of both overseas and local operations, were cited as additional factors in this rise in the Bank's profitability.

Bank Hapoalim's balance sheet for June 30, 1987 confirms its position as Israel's major bank, with consolidated assets totalling $27 billion.

Loans to the public at the end of the year reached $11 billion, a rise of 6.3% since the end of 1986. This major increase is due in large part to the extensive banking activity in Israel conducted with medium and small businesses and households by Bank Hapoalim.

Deposits from the public were $11 billion on June 30, 1987, an increase of 4.8%. Shareholders' equity was $822 million at the end of June, an upturn of 5% over that at the end of 1986.

In the international sphere, Bank Hapoalim's correspondent banking relations were significantly expanded during the first half of 1987. Arrangements are now being completed with major international banking groups for favorable new credit facilities which are said to highlight increased confidence in the stability of the Israel economy and the Bank's major role in it.

Bank Hapoalim has also expanded investment opportunities offered its international private banking clients, it was stated. This expansion took place in its subsidiary in Switzerland and through new arrangements with major mutual fund management companies in the United States and Britain, enabling the bank to market several high performance funds to its customers.

In addition, it has recently underwritten two issues of guaranteed floating rate Eurodollar notes for major Israeli corporations which have been well received by this clientele.

The series of innovations initiated in Israel banking services has also made its impact. Among such programs, substantial interest is being offered for the first time on sums held in checking accounts here, while new savings plans provided Israeli depositors with indexation to either the U.S. dollar, the cost-of-living index or a basket of the five major currencies.

At the same time, the bank's increasing automation of services is cutting time and costs throughout its entire network.

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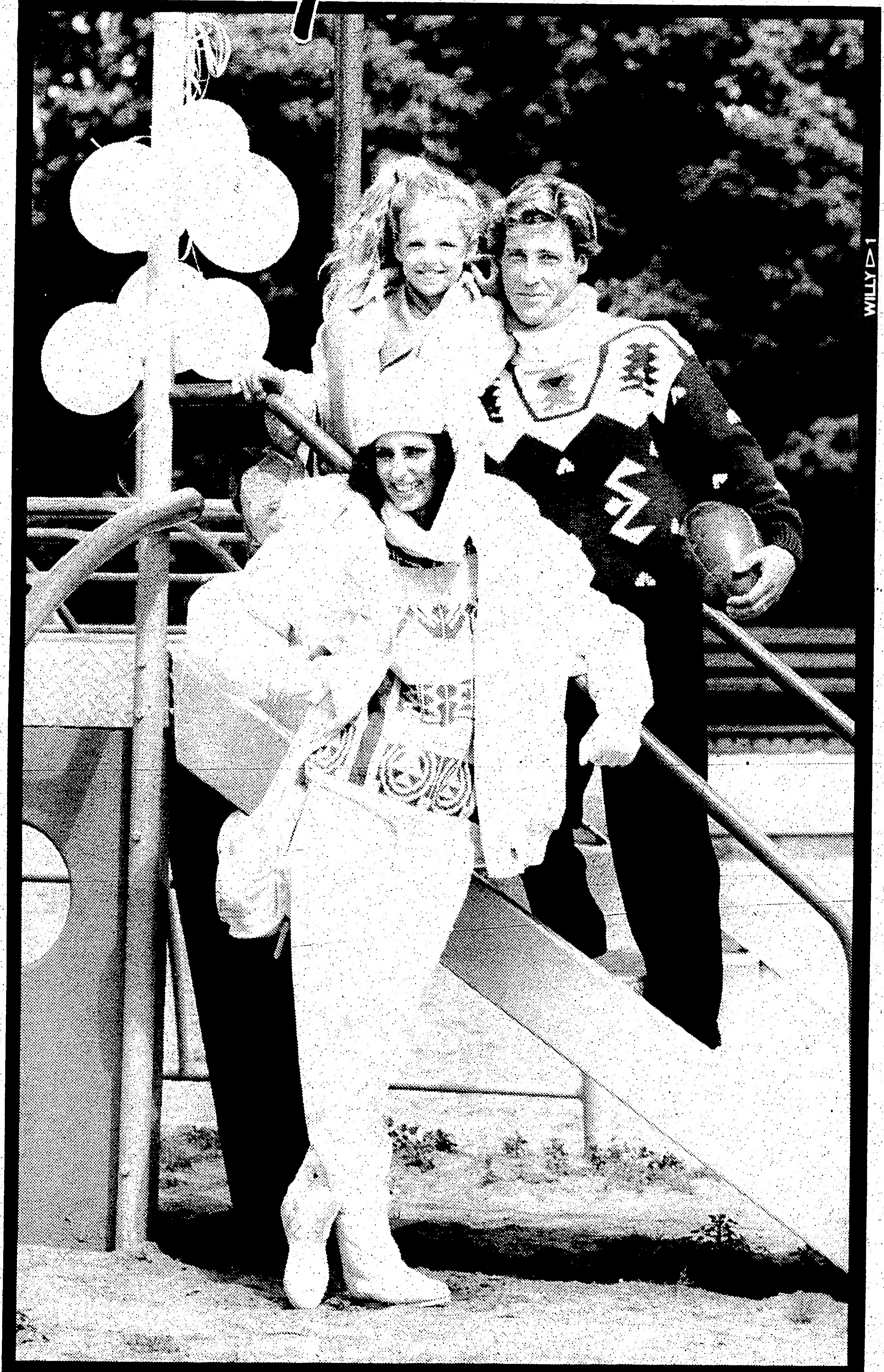

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Permanent home in new Jerusalem museum

Biblical scholar bringing rare artifacts to Israel

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Elie Borowski had a dream and a mission.

The renowned biblical and Near Eastern scholar became a dealer, a collector, and the owner of some of the finest private collections of antiquities in the world.

Borowski wanted to show his gratitude to Canada which allowed him, a stateless person, to become a Canadian citizen after World War II and gave him an opportunity to start a new life.

In appreciation, he offered a gift of 2,000 rare biblical artifacts, valued at more than $40 million, to a museum that would be built in Canada. After four years of frustration and mounting disappointment in Canadian bureaucracy, the message finally sunk in — Canada did not want his generous gift.

He was interviewed at his home in Toronto recently as he and his wife Batya prepared to leave for Israel for the opening of a special exhibition of 170 of his biblical pieces at the Tel Aviv Museum.

Original frescoes from Pompeii grace the walls of his living room. Greek vases and bronzes from the ancient Mediterranean world line the walkways. Import Sumerian, Babylonian, Phoenician, Egyptian, Roman and Byzantine pieces are part of the decor.

Scholar and collector Elie Borowski and his wife Batya examine a model of the Bible Lands Museum under construction in Jerusalem.

A stele from the child sacrifice cemetery at ancient Carthage stands beside the indoor swimming pool. My guide, Batya, a New York real estate developer who married Borowoski in 1982, said she always felt that a biblical museum of this magnitude should not be located anywhere but in Jerusalem.

An articulate, charming and dynamic woman, she believes that it was her destiny to meet Elie Borowski at an archeological exhibit at the Israel Museum, to marry him, and to bring his collection to Jerusalem, "where it rightfully belongs."

It was Batya who negotiated with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek to have the collection, which reaches back more than 5,000 years to Mesopotamia, permanently housed in a new Bible Lands Museum to be built in the heart of Jerusalem's cultural centre, near the Knesset and the Israel Museum.

The doors of the Museum are scheduled to open at the end of next year and will include a research library, an auditorium, study and lecture rooms, and laboratories.

"The future of mankind has its roots in the past," says the energetic and enthusiastic scholar who was a Warsaw yeshiva "bochur." Borowski attended the famous Mir Yeshiva where only brilliant students were accepted. He studied at Orthodox and Reform rabbinical seminaries in Berlin where he got his first taste of secular subjects.

He knew Hitler was coming and, in 1932, he left Berlin to continue his rabbinical studies in Italy, as well as literature, philosophy and science at the University of Florence. In 1936, he returned to Poland to try to convince his family to leave. Heartbroken that they wouldn't go, he returned to Florence where he came to the realization that he could not be a rabbi.

Borowski accepted a fellowship at the Vatican's famous Pontifical Biblical Institute where he learned to read cuneiform and became an expert in post-biblical Hebrew.

Staying one step ahead of the Nazis, he went to Paris and in 1939 he volunteered for a special Jewish unit of the French army. When France surrendered in 1940, his unit fled to Switzerland where he was interned.

When the tide turned in favor of the Allies, Borowski, who speaks 12 languages, was given permission to spend half of each day at the Museum of Art and History in Geneva which had a fine collection of ancient seals.

Dealers and collectors sought his expert advice and in payment he received pieces from the collections they were buying and selling. By the end of the war, he was established as a dealer and received his doctor's degree from the University of Geneva.

Returning to Poland after the war, he found that two of his brothers had escaped. All the other members of his family died in the Warsaw ghetto and in concentration camps.

Gave up passport

Seeking permission to leave Poland, he had to give up his passport which made him a stateless person. Returning to Switzerland, he received an invitation from the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto to become a Lady Davis Fellow and after he arrived, he was granted Canadian citizenship.

He moved back to Basel, Switzerland, in 1958 to become one of the world's leading dealers and collectors. Today, many of his pieces are on loan to museums throughout the world.

On his return to Canada in 1976, Borowski created The Lands of the Bible Archeology Foundation in the hope of finding a permanent home for his collection in Canada.

In 1979, the white-bearded, intense, erudite collector presented an exhibit, Ladders to Heaven, at the Royal Ontario Museum. The theme was taken from a 2200 BCE Mesopotamian seal that suggests the story of Jacob's dream in which the angels ascend and descend a ladder reaching from heaven to earth (Genesis 28:10, 12), and the building of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:4).

Despite his personal losses — the Holocaust and the tragic death of his only son in an air crash about 13 years ago — Borowski marches forward to fulfil his mission. The Bible Lands Museum, he says, will confirm that the stories of the Bible are not merely myths and literature "but stories of the way people lived and events that really happened."

It has not been easy. To date, along with the donation of his priceless antiquities, the Borowskis have given more than $3 million to the building of the museum.

Donald Carr, chairman of the International Advisory Board of the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem, told The CJN that in order to complete the building in Israel, American and Canadian Friends organizations have been formed to seek funds for endowments and sponsorships.

Carr adds, "The vision of these dedicated people needs worldwide support and participation from those who treasure the past and cherish the future."

Examine weaknesses, make projections

Rosh Hashanah period of spiritual stocktaking

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —
Once a year, most businesses prepare a balance sheet. They make a profit and loss account, do a stocktaking and estimate what kind of a financial year it has been. Then they examine the weaknesses and try to make projections so that the coming year will be more profitable.

We are given the same opportunity. Every year, during the Hebrew month of Elul, Jews begin a period of spiritual stocktaking. It is a time for examining the state of our soul, and of "returning" or making "teshuvah." Even before Rosh Hashanah, devout Jews begin saying special penitential prayers called 'Selihot'.

Although Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, it is very different from the Gentile new year which is marked by parties and merrymaking, although new year resolutions are common to both.

Rosh Hashanah is an ambivalent holiday — in one respect it's very solemn and in another it's festive — "Yom Harat Olam" — the birthday of the world. The 10 days that begin with Rosh Hashanah and end with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, mark a concentrated period of introspection when we are meant to ask for forgiveness of anyone we may have hurt during that year in order to be permitted to ask for pardon for sins against God.

Many Jews who do not attend synagogue throughout the year make an exception on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For many the dramatic blast of the shofar stirs memories of childhood and beloved parents or grandparents to whom heritage and tradition were important. They participate in the oral confession of transgressions which are recited in unison and somehow feel cleansed at the awe-inspiring ritual.

For me, Rosh Hashanah is a very special festival, more so since I came to live in Israel. The holiness and purity of the day seem to envelop all of Jerusalem. There is almost no traffic on the roads, so that the usual noises of the city are muted. People walk solemnly to synagogue wearing new clothes in honor of the day.

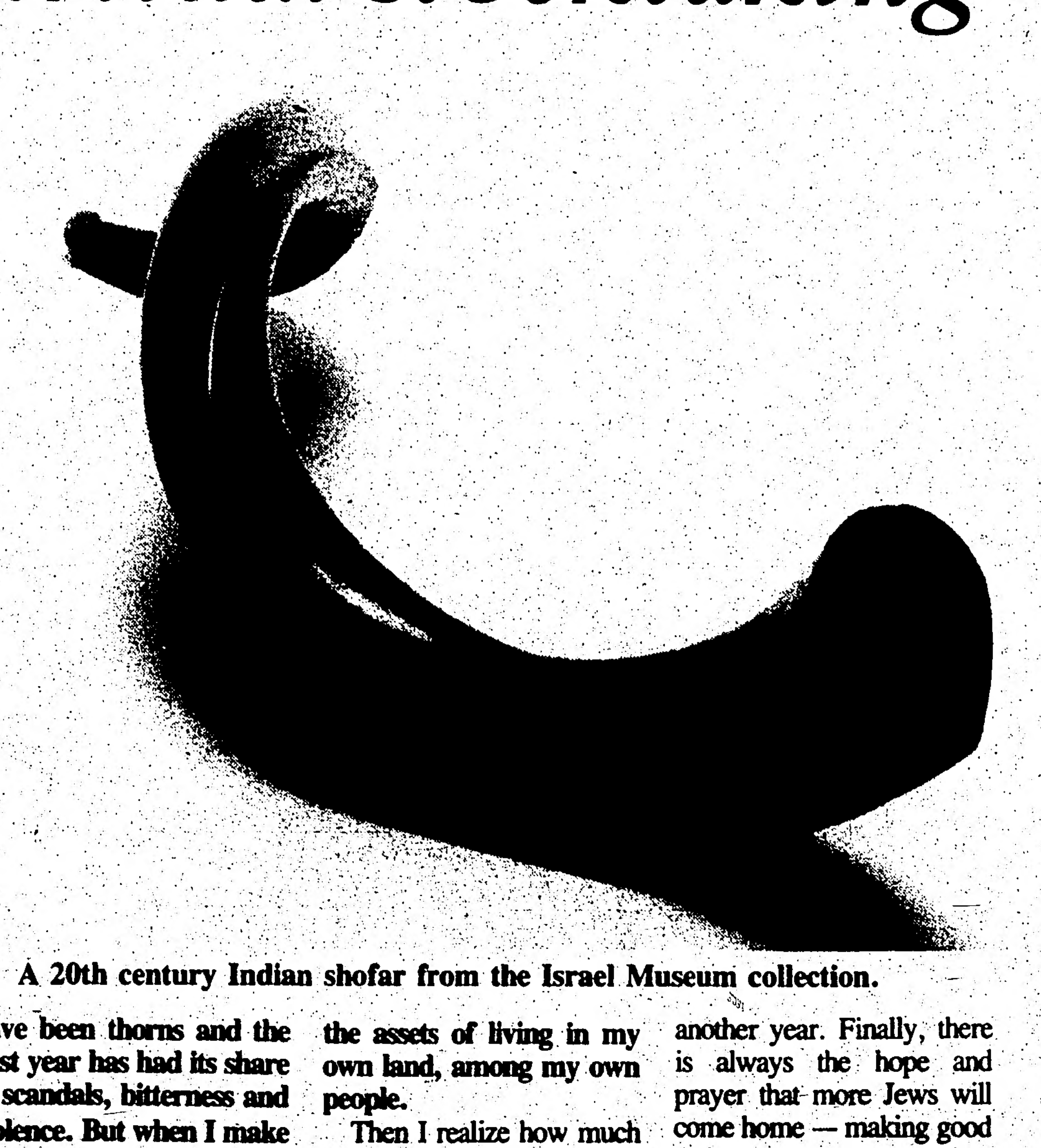
Wonderfully optimistic festival

But the physical aspects of the holiday are dwarfed by the spiritual significance. I find Rosh Hashanah a wonderfully optimistic festival. We give expression to our belief that God exists; that things do not happen by mere chance but are part of a Divine plan. And, no matter how morally lax we may have been in the past, we are given another chance to improve ourselves through acts of repentence, prayer and good works.

At a time when pessimism and despair seem to reign throughout much of the world, it is very comforting to be given this opportunity to wipe the slate clean and begin anew.

So, like Jews everywhere, we pray. We draw together as families. We eat apples dipped in honey for a sweet new year. The extra dimension felt in Israel is that we are living in our own land. We are all one people, a family sharing a common destiny.

No matter how polarized our society may be, we know that what will be a good year for one will be good for all, because we have a common goal. It is this shared destiny that binds Israelis together, no matter how different the ethnic and cultural background may be.


A 20th century Indian shofar from the Israel Museum collection.

When we made aliya 16 years ago, the poster in our ulpan classroom stated: "We never promised you a rose garden!" True, there have been thorns and the past year has had its share of scandals, bitterness and violence. But when I make my annual balance sheet, I place on the credit side all the assets of living in my own land, among my own people.

Then I realize how much I personally have profited and that Israel has survived another year. Finally, there is always the hope and prayer that more Jews will come home — making good their Passover pledge "Next year in Jerusalem."

Goal to enhance awareness, mutual respect

Group's philosophy taken up by 3 religions

By
RICK ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Martin Buber, the philosopher and one of the founders of the Israel Interfaith Association (IIA), wrote, "history has much to teach us, but we must know how to receive her teaching."

Such a pronouncement in the Land of Israel, where years of struggle and conflict are seemingly ingrained, has been taken up by the IIA and turned into direct involvement for the promotion of understanding between the major religious sectors of Israel: Jewish, Moslem and Christian.

Established in 1957, the IIA is an independent organization whose members come from religious groups from all over the country. Their goal is to enhance awareness and mutual respect among the various religious and ethnic communities and overcome prejudice and mistrust.

Educational, social and cultural activities are organized in order to promote their goals of pluralism, and members actively involve themelves in cases of human rights violations on the basis of religious or ethnic affiliation.

The IIA has its two major branch offices in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv from where it plans most of its national and worldwide programs. Essentially, the activities of the organization can be broadly delineated by those programs directed toward better coexistence through education: study groups, lectures, publications, field trips, etc. and the international involvement of the IIA in major conferences such as the International Council of Christians and Jews or the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

In Jerusalem, in cooperation with the Martin Buber Institute of the Hebrew University, the IIA holds meetings of the Jewish-Arab forum where political, cultural and theological topics are discussed.

Speakers at the forum have included such controversial personalities as Meron Benvenisti of the West Bank Data Base Project and Hana Seniora, editor of East Jerusalem's Al-Fajr newspaper. One IIA member commented on these forums: "The topics discussed are complex and not easily solved. People don't always walk away arm in arm, but there is dialogue, there is respect."

All IIA branch offices throughout Israel (including Haifa, Nazareth and Beersheba) devote a number of evenings each month to lectures and workshops on fostering cultural and ethnic awareness.

Over the past several years, the various events have included a symposium on the Armenian genocide and the Holocaust; study evenings devoted to St. Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther and Maimonides; and in joint cooperation with the Buber Institute, there were two summer seminars on Aspects of Jewish Thought and Experience.

Recently, contacts have been established with Bedouin tribes in the Negev and several joint gatherings have been arranged to promote understanding of their ancient culture. One result of these meetings has been the IIA's support of the Bedouin Rights Centre in Beersheba, which assists many Bedouin with legal problems.

Geoffrey Wigoder of the oral history department at the Hebrew University's Institute for Contemporary Jewry, actively participates in events on behalf of the IIA. "We realized from the beginning," he commented, "that the education of young people is the bridge to a healthy pluralism here."

Initiated in September 1984, with the approval of Israel's ministry of education and culture, a study program, incorporating 30-35 hours of instruction a year, was integrated into the junior high school curriculum at several schools in Israel.

Teachers, trained in leading discussions, group simulations, and role-playing, led students in exploring issues such as the Arab minority in the Jewish state, the psychology of prejudice and stereotype, and a history of both Jewish and Arab culture. Implemented in many Israeli city schools throughout Israel in addition to several Arab communities, the program has been well received by both educators and students.

Recently, to the IIA's satisfaction, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon called for a bridge-building project between Jewish schools in the city and kibbutzim, and Arab schools. Reflecting the IIA's philosophy, he said, "Peace between countries will be impossible if we cannot learn to live together as individuals."

The last two years have seen the IIA become increasingly involved in the Beit Berl School for Youth Workers program, located near Kfar Saba. The school previously operated separate programs for its Arab and Jewish trainees, but now run joint workshops and seminars on the theme of cooperation between peoples and religions. Both Arab and Jewish students are encouraged to confront the difficulties in establishing a dialogue between each other before going on to examine the similar problems facing the young people they are to work with in their localities.

An encounter group of Christians and Jews at the Sapir Centre in the Old City of Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter, discussing religious identity.

Yaakov Kurtzman, an active member of IIA, recalled the initial stages of the effort to be the most difficult. "The students had to face and overcome their own prejudices at studying together. It took some time, but, I think, we now see cooperation whereas there was little previously."

Even within the international arena, Israel cannot separate itself from its political situation. The inevitable issue of Palestinian rights is frequently a focus of dialogue, particularly among organizations with strong Third World involvement.

"We realize that part of our function is to present a rational discussion of the problems facing Israel and that includes an explanation of what Judaism, Zionism and historical anti-semitism mean to us as a nation," stated Wigoder. "Issues cannot be separated from their political and social roots. International dialogue lets us see how others cooperate and hopefully they come to understand our issues as well."

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Sense of maturity and perspective required

Gregarious Jews retain basic fear of rejection

By
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There is a haunting refrain, repeated throughout the High Holy Day liturgy, that refers to a basic human fear — the fear of rejection. Over and over again we pray, "Cast us not away from Your presence."

Recently a bitter young man visited my office. He was sullen and morose. What had happened? His engagement had been suddenly terminated. That very morning his fiancee had returned the engagement ring.

After protracted conversation he agreed that, in time, he would find another suitable mate. But he repeated, "Its the principle of the thing. I was turned down. I was turned down." His greatest hurt was his sense of rejection.

Not long ago I spoke to an elderly Torontonian. His children reside in another city, hundreds of miles distant. They are most considerate of their father. They send him money every week. They provide him with a fine apartment and every convenience. I asked him why he did not spend more time with his children. He replied, "Whenever I go there, I feel unwanted."

A good friend who reached the age of 65 was forced to retire from his long-time job. He doesn't have a financial care in the world. His investments will bring him ample income as long as he lives. He now has time for travel, communal activity, cultural pursuits, etc.

I said to him, "How happy you must be, now that you can really enjoy life."

"Happy," he responded, in evident anguish. "No, I'm completely miserable. I'm still healthy and vigorous, but suddenly I'm useless. Nobody talks to me. Nobody needs me."

Anna Freud, the daughter of Sigmund and a renowned child psychologist in her own right, describes in great detail the reaction of young children to the devastation and terror of the Blitz in London during World War II. One particularly pathetic young child, who in the bombing had lost both parents, kept mumbling incoherently, "I am a nobody's nothing. I am a nobody's nothing." She was tormented by the tragedy of her abrupt rejection.

The reason we fear rejection is simple. We are gregarious. We seek out the companionship of others. Life is a series of belongings. The infant belongs to his mother. The growing child belongs to his parents. When we attend school we belong to the community of students. We belong to teams, organizations, congregations or nations.

Have you ever walked through the busy streets of a large city? Though jostled by thousands you feel alone. You lose your sense of uniqueness. In the midst of a multitude you seem totally rejected. Society has become too impersonal, too conformist. Who cares about me? "Cast us not away from Your presence."

How are we to deal with this complex problem of rejection? In the first place we must learn to accept it as a normal part of living. Every person, at one time or another, has experienced unhappy moments of defeat, loneliness, and frustration. It is necessary to achieve a sense of maturity and perspective about ourselves and those inevitable occasions of despair and humiliation.

In the second place, although we can't always avoid being rejected, it is within our power to refrain from rejecting others.

A young woman who converted to Judaism tearfully confessed to me that she had been rebuffed on several occasions by persons and groups within the Jewish community. If her complaint is true, and not simply the result of oversensitivity, then it reflects a comtemptible and reprehensible form of rejection.

Once a convert becomes a sincere member of the Jewish people he or she must be accepted with affection. It is our duty to do so with a full heart and without reservations.

One of the most destructive forms of rejection is divorce. Judaism has always permitted divorce, but the practice was quite uncommon in the Jewish community a generation ago. It didn't happen because husbands and wives regarded the family as the means through which could be realized their highest ideals: affection, security, structure and balance, helpfulness and communication. But more and more the lifestyle of North America in the 1980s doesn't allow for serious long-range undertakings.

There are some couples who ought to be divorced. And there is a way to end a marriage with mutual understanding, and with both partners helping the children to face what has to be a traumatic experience. Unfortunately, many marriages end because the parties are unwilling to compromise or to seek solutions.

"Take me the way I am" is the slogan of an immature person unwilling to work at growing. Only when all the alternatives have been considered is it time to think of divorce. Anyone can walk away from a fire; it is only the courageous who stay and attempt to put it out.

In the third place, no Jew need feel rejected if he remembers that he is an indisoluble part of an ongoing and living tradition.

The covenant, God's relationship with his people, exists for all Jews at all times and in all places. How can we be rejected when we are part of the household of Israel? The Jew who is joined by his deeds, by his observance, by his gifts, and by his hopes to a living people is not rejected. "All our ancestors are in us, who can feel himself alone?"

Finally, there can be no ultimate rejection if we can maintain our faith in God. A colleague writes that when his pious grandmother became advanced in years, she was usually attended by her children. Whenever he called her, one of them would answer the phone. One day she answered. Startled, he asked, "Bubba, are you alone?" She replied, "Dear child, I'm never alone." She had the most reliable companionship to insulate her against loneliness and rejection.

This kind of faith is embracing enough to sustain us in every circumstance. In the sharp pain of rejection we hear the whispered reassurance, "I the Lord am your Healer." In the bitter rejection of bereavement we feel with the psalmist, "Though my father and my mother leave me, the Lord gathers me in."

Rejected by our fellows we tap reservoirs of courage which well up out of the ancient words, "The Lord is for me. I will not fear. What can man do to me?" And when the shadows lengthen and we face the ultimate rejection from all we have known and treasured we can go serene in the faith, "In Him who can go with me, yet remain with you and be everywhere for good."

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Peace: the economic gains

ELMER WINTER, chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel — a non-profit group dedicated to expanding U.S.-Israel business relationships, discusses the economic impact of a treaty that widens the circle of Arab-Israel peace.

Elmer Winter

NEW YORK —

Without discussing the pros and cons of an international conference as the setting for negotiations, it is clear that substantial economic gains will flow from a peaceful solution of Arab-Israel differences.

Indeed, the likelihood of economic progress resulting from peace could strongly encourage Israel's neighbors to come to the peace table. And the reality of economic progress and cooperation as an accompaniment to peace could furnish the cement to hold the treaty in place.

Here are five specific ways that Israel's economy would be strengthened by an end to hostilities with the Arab states that surround her:

- Israel could over time substantially reduce the huge defence budget that has inhibited economic growth. With peace, much of this crushing burden could eventually — but not immediately — go for economic investment, and also to meet the social and educational needs of Israel's citizens.
- A peace treaty would also increase Israel's political stability. For observers of the Israeli scene who have been increasingly concerned by the deep political differences among Israelis and their leaders, a diminution of these differences would be blessing enough.

But a more stable political climate will also encourage greater foreign investment, particularly in the high-tech area where Israel has won international recognition. This in turn will help prevent the serious brain-drain that worries so many Israelis and their friends abroad.

- Peace will open new markets for Israel, not only by reducing (although probably not eliminating) the boycott against Israel by Arab states, but also — and more importantly — by creating new markets for Israeli goods in Japan, China and other states that have surrendered to the boycott. Companies in other countries that bypass Israel out of fear of the Arab boycott will also become buyers of Israeli products.
- Trade between Israel and Egypt is likely to increase if one or more additional Arab states make peace with Israel, thus reducing Egypt's isolation from the Arab world. Original expectations for expanded trade with Egypt have not materialized, to Israel's disappointment. A broader Mideast peace should stimulate economic relations between Israel and the largest country in the Arab World.
- Peace with Jordan and/or Syria will make Israel increasingly attractive to Americans considering aliya, especially in view of the increased job opportunities that Israel would be able to offer to new immigrants.

Positive economic benefits will flow to Israel's Arab neighbors from peace. Many Arab countries need goods and services that Israel produces — among them, agro-technology and fertilizers, medical services and equipment, computers and textiles. The increasing availability of these products, with Israel as a major source of supply at attractive prices, will speed the economic growth of the Arab state or states that make peace with Israel.

At the same time, however many Arab leaders fear Israeli economic "domination," because Israel is so highly advanced an economy and leads all Arab states in scientific and technological expertise. But I believe that the economic benefits of peace will eventually outweigh these political fears, to the benefit of the economic integration of the region.

Peace is also likely to encourage tourism to the Arab states as well as to Israel, further promoting Israeli-Arab cooperation in the economic sphere. Moreover, a Mideast Common Market may yet develop to speed the free flow of products and services among the countries of the area, raising the standard of living of Israelis and Arabs alike. This development, if it occurs, cannot be expected soon; it is a long-term possibility at best, but I for one do not rule it out.

As part of a peace agreement, Israel and her Arab neighbor or neighbors are also likely to develop plans to expand water resources in the area, joining hands in the long dreamed-of Jordan Valley Authority that Walter Lowdermilk modeled after the American Tennessee Valley Authority.

Another area of cooperation could be the establishment of rail links between Israel and her treaty partner or partners, which also would encourage the flow of goods from country to country.

Finally, the United States would be a major beneficiary of any Israeli-Arab peace treaty, not only for the political stability it would bring to the region, further reducing the chance of war, but also because peace and the economic advantages it would bring will eventually mean countries like Israel and Egypt will achieve economic independence that much faster, reducing the amount of economic aid that is now provided to them by Washington.

For these reasons, I believe it is increasingly important that the economic benefits to both sides flowing from a peace treaty be factored into the risk-benefit calculations that the government of Israel must make in considering the procedures for getting to the peace table and for arriving at a just and lasting peace.

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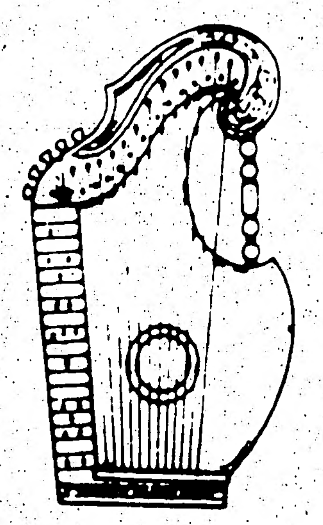

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Praying for forgiveness

By
RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

We are taught that G-d forgives us when we atone and repent with all our hearts for the sins committed against Him. Even perfect repentance does not mean that G-d forgives, unless one has been forgiven for the sins committed against his fellow man.

Religious Jews ask family, friends and all with whom they have had contact to forgive them. The almighty has established the relationship between man and man as primary. The martyred Rabbi Akiva taught "love thy fellow as thyself." This is the highest principle of G-d's teaching.

Observance of Torah laws

The 613 mitzvot train the Jew to relate with others in love, compassion, understanding, and justice. When human life has lost all value, sensitive regard for another person diminishes to naught. Why should one care for hurt feeling when millions are put to death?

The great saint and sage of Israel, Rabbi Israel Meir Hachohen, known as the Chafetz Chaim, called for observance of the Torah laws governing speech. He emphasized that it is equally forbidden to speak good of a person as it is to say evil. Talk about others can only lead the base instincts of man to deride and to express hate and envy.

It is now considered normal behavior to spend hours, if not days, speaking about others. We often judge everyone other than ourselves. Heaven forbid that any of us be judged by G-d in the manner in which we judge others. If we are to come before G-d to ask for a good year, we must look upon those in our midst with love and forgiveness — and only then may we look upward for salvation.

A man passed on and, in his will, he designated his best friend as executor of his estate. With regard to his widow, he instructed his friend to "give her whatever you want." The executor took 95% for himself and gave the widow 5%. In turn, the poor widow called her husband's best friend to the rabbi to demand a greater share of the estate. The man argued he was free to do as he wished, for the widow's husband had given him this privilege.

The rabbi in turn ordered that the wife be given 95% and the executor 5%, explaining the intent of the statement "give her whatever you want" meant to give her whatever you want for yourself.

This story defines "love thy fellow as thyself." The justice, patience and tolerance we so frequently expect for ourselves must be extended to others. Selfishness often prevents us from seeing anyone and at times even our own children.

Ours is a world filled with war and hostility. We must pray for universal peace. Should not the peace begin with ourselves? How painful are the days for one tormented by jealousy and obsessed with animosity. If a ceasefire could be declared within every heart to squelch the burning passions of envy, all of one's dilemmas would come to an end.

The Torah teaches that human relations depend greatly upon behavioral attitudes. A conceited person can not be pious and "he who angers, all forms of hell consume him."

I have known truly patient and loving people, and they were completely immersed in Torah. Some of the great sages I had the privilege to observe demonstrated the extraordinary humility and reverence towards any other human. Instead if we respect the human created in G-d's image, then how dare we intentionally hurt, offend, slander and ridicule him or her.

Chafetz Chaim once said that when he was young, he believed his destiny to be saving of all the world. When he grew a little older, he thought it would be sufficient to save Poland, the country in which he lived. Years later he realized that he could not save the world nor Poland. "Let me at least save," he thought, "Radin," the little town which was his home.

Prayers in the plural

When he passed his 80th birthday and all the Jews in the world acknowledged him as the greatest man of that day, he declared, "I pray to G-d that I could at least save myself."

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we pray for peace in the Mideast, our country, our cities, and wherever turbulence may exist. All of our prayers are in the plural. We do not ask "forgive me" but "forgive us." The Jew who thinks only of himself will not be heard.

The voice which has learned to cry for others resounds loudly in the ears of G-d. Let this year mark the beginning of new attitudes and relations. Let love be heard, seen and felt. Let G-d hear our hue and cry and grant us those wishes which make us, and thus everyone, better.

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"The foundation's goal is nothing short of having the most profound impact on the quality of Jewish life in North America, said Leslie Wexner, chairman of the Wexner Foundation.

Wexner, 49, founder of the world's largest retail apparel chain, announced that the foundation will channel $3 - $4 million in grants to the first year of a program dedicated to the enhancement and improvement of professional leadership in the North American Jewish community.

He said an advisory group drawn from among leading Jewish academicians and communal professionals recommended that attention be focused on three critical groups: rabbis, communal professionals and educators.

Rabbi Maurice Corson, president of the foundation, observed that although North American Jewry is, "overall, healthy in socio-economic terms, our most important institutions — our synagogues, our community centres, federations and educational institutions — desperately require adequate qualified professional leadership.

Leslie Wexner

"The unparalleled economic opportunities now open to Jews has resulted in a situation in which our most gifted sons and daughters are being attracted to professions elsewhere."

The programs proposed by the Wexner Foundation will take two general directions: grants to individuals and grants to institutions. In its initial phase, the grants to individuals will be in the form of fellowships for graduate study, awarded to "outstanding candidates" for careers in the rabbinate, in Jewish communal service, and in Jewish education.

Grants to institutions will be awarded to encourage innovation and excellence in the training and support of professional leadership.

The foundation will seek proposals for enriching curriculum both from individual institutions and from those which bring together the expertise and personnel of a number of institutions working together.

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Jewish Agency urged to sell off companies

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Most of the companies in which the Jewish Agency has an interest do not serve any agency purposes, nor do they provide "any material benefit to the agency."

In addition, the bodies set up in 1978 to supervise these companies and provide information about their financial condition have failed to do their job.

These are the major findings of the Lankin Committee, an independent panel of Israeli businessmen and experts set up last December by the agency's board of governors to probe agency companies. The committee's report, a copy of which was obtained by The Jerusalem Post, was recently submitted to the board of governors.

The committee, chaired by Eliahu Lankin, a former ambassador to South Africa, recommended that all but a "very small number" of the 46 companies in which the agency has an interest, and which operate in a wide range of areas, should be either sold or dismantled.

The report noted that very little was done over the past 15 years to implement decisions of the board to sell off most of the agency's holdings in these companies.

Since 1981 the Diaspora fund raising leaders on the board have been pressing chairman Arye Dulzin, who was responsible for the Agency Companies Authority, to sell off more agency assets to help retire its massive debt, which stood then at $650 million.

Dulzin's lack of enthusiasm to sell agency assets, and his failure to provide satisfactory information about the companies' value and financial condition to the board, were among the factors that led to a revolt among the fund raisers at the board meeting last February. The board stripped Dulzin of his control of the Companies Authority, and vested this power in a new committee of the board dominated by Diaspora businessmen.

Pressure from the fund raisers at that time also forced Dulzin to promise not to seek re-election.

Agency observers noted that the tenacity with which Dulzin held onto the companies can be explained mainly by the opportunities this provided for appointing political cronies to directorships.

The new companies committee of the board has adopted the recommendation of the Lankin Committee to appoint an official with special powers to supervise the companies and to arrange for the sale of most of the agency's assets. Israeli businessman Eli Streit was recently named to this post. The committee has also hired an American accounting firm to assess the financial performance of the companies.

The Lankin Committee found that the structure set up in 1978 to supervise and control the agency's holdings "is not effective, lacks the ability to make timely and correct business decisions, is unclear in its lines of responsibility, has not provided clear direction to the staff of the Companies Authority, and has not fully informed or involved the members of the Companies Authority Council in the decision-making process."

The Companies Authority Council was supposed to be the supreme supervisory body for the companies, and was disbanded when control of the companies was shifted to the new committee of the board.

The agency's holdings, most of which were acquired decades ago to promote the goals of settlement and economic development, include firms dealing in real estate, construction, wineries, housing, aviation, convention centres, research, publishing, food processing, tourism, and furniture manufacture.

The Lankin report recommended that the agency dispose of its holdings in El Al, Mekorot, Carmel Wineries, Yakhin Hakal, and the Israel Land Development Company, but that it retain an interest in the Israel Museum and a few other bodies of national and cultural significance.

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Israeli diplomats move to new duties

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Toronto community leader DONALD CARR, who has just returned from Israel, reports on Israeli diplomats who served in Canada.

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Israel's diplomatic representatives to Canada spend some years at their posts here and then move on. Some go to other embassies or consulates. Others do a stint back at the ministry of foreign affairs in Jerusalem. Yet others go into retirement.

Theirs is a very different role from that of their colleagues from other nations. In addition to the usual country-to-country responsibilities, the Israelis play an essential part linking the Jewish community in the Diaspora with Israel. To be sure, other diplomats have important contacts with expatriates living in Canada. One cannot imagine, however, that those relationships can be anything like those established between Canadian Jews and the Israel diplomatic corps. After all, aren't we mishpocha?

Only a few Canadians are able to maintain those singular relationships when the Israelis' tours of duty end.

What has happened to some of those who left such an impression on us while in Canada?

Abe Harman, Israel's first consul in Canada, who served in Montreal from 1949 to 1950, later became president of Hebrew University for many years. Today he is retired in Jerusalem, but maintains a close relationship with that institution.

Canada and Israel were both fortunate in having **Yaacov Herzog** as ambassador in Ottawa for three years starting in 1960. He combined deep Jewish learning and tradition with consummate diplomacy. His celebrated debate with historian, Arnold Toynbee, on the latter's foolish pronouncement that Jews are fossils is preserved on records.

Herzog died in his 40s — a great loss to his country. His brother, Chaim, is now, of course, President of Israel, and his daughter, Shira Herzog Bessin, is the executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee in Toronto.

The ambassador from 1963 to 1967 was **Gershon Avner.** German-born and British-educated, he retired from the foreign service and became president of Haifa University. In that capacity he often visited Canada. Later, he represented the American Jewish Committee in Jerusalem, but is now retired and lives in that city.

The current president of that same University is **Ephraim "Eppy" Evron,** ambassador from 1969 to 1971. Eppy went on to fill the important post of ambassador to the United States before his retirement from the foreign ministry.

Abe Harman

Torontonians will remember Consul-General **Abba Gefen,** the first consul-general after elevation of the post from a consulate. He concluded his foreign ministry career after an ambassadorial post in Bucharest. He then formed a new political party in Israel, comprising and representing retired government officials! It has yet to be tested in an election, so its future is unknown. Gefen's daughter, Ruhama Goldstein, lives in Toronto.

Advisor to the veteran, popular Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem is **Shmuel Ovnat,** who was the well known consul-general in Toronto in the mid-70s. "Shmuelick," in addition to his diplomatic role, made his reputation here as a tennis terror at York Racquets. He is still to be seen on the courts in Jerusalem, but only at night. His wife, **Berta,** whose distinctive works of art grace the walls of many Canadian homes is now sculpting in their Beit Hakerem studio/home.

Consul **Yacov (Jack) Mombaz** served both in Montreal — from 1969 to 1971 — and in Toronto for a year thereafter. He came back to Toronto, after serving elsewhere, to work for UIA of Canada. After a debilitating illness, he died here in 1986 and is buried in Israel.

David Ariel was consul-general in Toronto from 1978 to 1982. His quiet, scholarly manner earned him many friends in Canada, in both the Jewish and general communities.

Upon his return to Israel, he initiated an important training program for foreign ministry recruits. He was then appointed ambassador to South Africa. Because of unsettled circumstances, there was a long delay before Israel actually sent him there, but he has now been in that most difficult and sensitive position for over two years.

One of Israel's most incisive and efficient representatives in Ottawa was ambassador **Yeshayahu Anug,** who was here from 1979 to 1984. When he returned to Jerusalem, he manned the European desk in the foreign ministry. He is now the ministry's deputy director-general.

Recently, the press in Israel reported that Anug and **Yitzchak Shelef,** who used to be the first secretary at the Ottawa embassy, travelled to Vienna for discussions with representatives from Hungary, with a view to establishing some diplomatic contacts on an ongoing basis. No official confirmation of that was made, but, if true, it is a further example of the "leakage" that is prevalent in the media of Israel. Shelef has recently been promoted to assistant director-general of administration in his ministry.

Gideon Saguy, the immediate predecessor of present Toronto Consul-General **Benyamin Abileah,** retired from the service on completing his duties here. However, he is presently still based in Canada, as the representative of The Tel Aviv Foundation, the entity created by Mayor "Chich" Lahat, to assist in beautifying Israel's largest city and in bringing to it much needed social and community facilities which cannot be borne by that city's regular budget.

Vice-Consul in Toronto for some time, serving with both Shmuel Ovnat and David Ariel, was **Miriam Zeev.** She is now the director of the disarmament policy unit at the foreign ministry. She is a mother of twin 3-year-old boys.

The former Israel diplomat with the plum political/professional position today is **Uriel Savir.** Formerly press-secretary at the Ottawa embassy, he next went to New York to fill a similar post.

When Peres became Prime Minister, Savir was one of the so-called "bright, young men," a group of four key advisors who joined the Prime Minister's office. When Peres moved over to be foreign minister, Savir became chief of staff of his office and the minister's media advisor, positions he still occupies.

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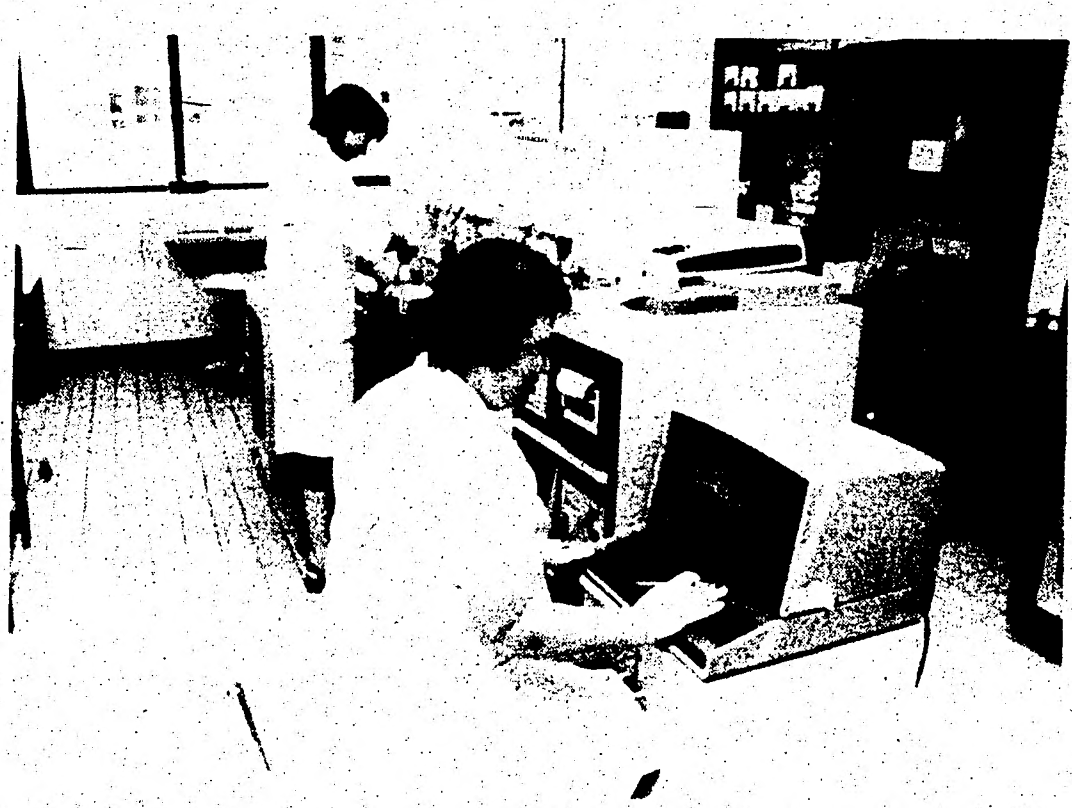

Technicians use automatic blood typing equipment in the new MDA National Blood Service Centre.

Medical complex opens in Israel

RAMAT GAN — Canada's Ambassador to Israel James Bartleman, the national president of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel Paul Saxe, and other dignitaries were here recently for the dedication of Israel's new National Blood Services Centre.

The $16 million (U.S.) blood distribution and processing complex adjacent to Tel Hashomer Hospital (in this community just outside Tel Aviv), incorporates the latest technological and medical innovations, the Canadian society says in a press release.

The project was realized with the help of support groups in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and other Western countries, the Canadian society says. Diplomatic representatives from those other countries were also present at the opening.

"Blood is the soul, the spirit, the very essence of being," said President Chaim Herzog at the dedication.

"This centre will, I'm sure, serve all the people of this land and the brotherhood we strive to see between Jews and Arabs and between MDA supporters here and abroad."

The new edifice, faced with Jerusalem stone and surrounded by a landscaped 1½ acre garden, is fronted by a 10 ft. tall sculpture by renowned artist Nathan Rapoport, who recently died.

The sculpture in black granite depicts two brothers, whose story of unselfish devotion is recounted in a Midrashic legend, symbolizing the brotherhood of man.

The building itself extends over 7,000 sq. metres and includes three levels.

The ground floor houses blood receiving and processing facilities.

The first floor has the blood donation room and donor's lobby, lecture halls, staff library, administration offices and head office of the Israeli Hemophilia Society.

The basement holds the mechanical and electrical "nerve centre" — everything from the emergency generator, to a distillation plant for medical alcohol, to a shelter which will enable the agency to continue to operate during wars and national emergencies.

The new structure is intended to help Magen David Adom fulfil its mandate enacted by the Knesset in 1950 of maintaining a storage service of fresh blood, plasma and therapeutical blood products.

About 80% of the country's total needs of fresh blood and 100% of the needs of the Israel Defence Forces are supplied by the blood service, the Canadian society says.

Magen David Adom was established in 1930 by seven volunteers in the fledgling Jewish settlements to provide rudimentary first aid.

Today, the national emergency service includes a network of first aid stations, and an ambulance fleet including mobile intensive care units.

Air Force unveils new Phantom jet

TEL NOF AIRBASE (JPFS) —

An upgraded Phantom, incorporating systems designed to propel it past the year 2000, made its maiden flight here last week.

Three years of research and development by the air force and some industries have given the plane more accurate navigation and weapons delivery systems, new wiring and systems designed to reduce the pilot's work load.

New radar was also installed and changes were made in the plane's frame to strengthen wear spots and the wings. Some 28 kilometres of wire were replaced with materials that reduce the plane's weight by 100 kilos.

New computers and communication equipment are believed to be at the level of the F-16C, and other changes improve the plane's stability and maneuverability, according to Brig.-Gen. Avner Raz, who heads the Equipment Group at Air Force headquarters.

Test flights of the Phantom will now begin. There will be a second prototype next March, and serial work is to begin next July. The Air Force has already forwarded some Phantoms to Israel Aircraft Industries, but the first squadron of improved Phantoms, called "Kornas 2000," is to be delivered only in the early 1990s.

Once serial work begins and initial hitches are worked out, it will take nine to 10 months to improve a Phantom, Raz predicted. The cost per plane, not including R & D, will amount to more than $5 million.

Phantoms have been flying with the Israel Air Force for some 15-16 years, and in the normal course of events should have been due for replacement soon.

But the upgrading, offering a "not insignificant capability" in air-to-air battles and performances in air-to-ground operations, should extend the plane's life by some 15-20 years. For some tasks the Kfir and the Lavi offer no competition, Raz said.

A foreign expert familiar with the upgrading program praised it. "It's going to be a good addition to the Israel Air Force," he said.

Several foreign air forces have already shown an interest in the project. Some 2,000 Phantoms still fly around the world, and upgrading them could be a cheaper alternative to buying the next generation of aircraft.

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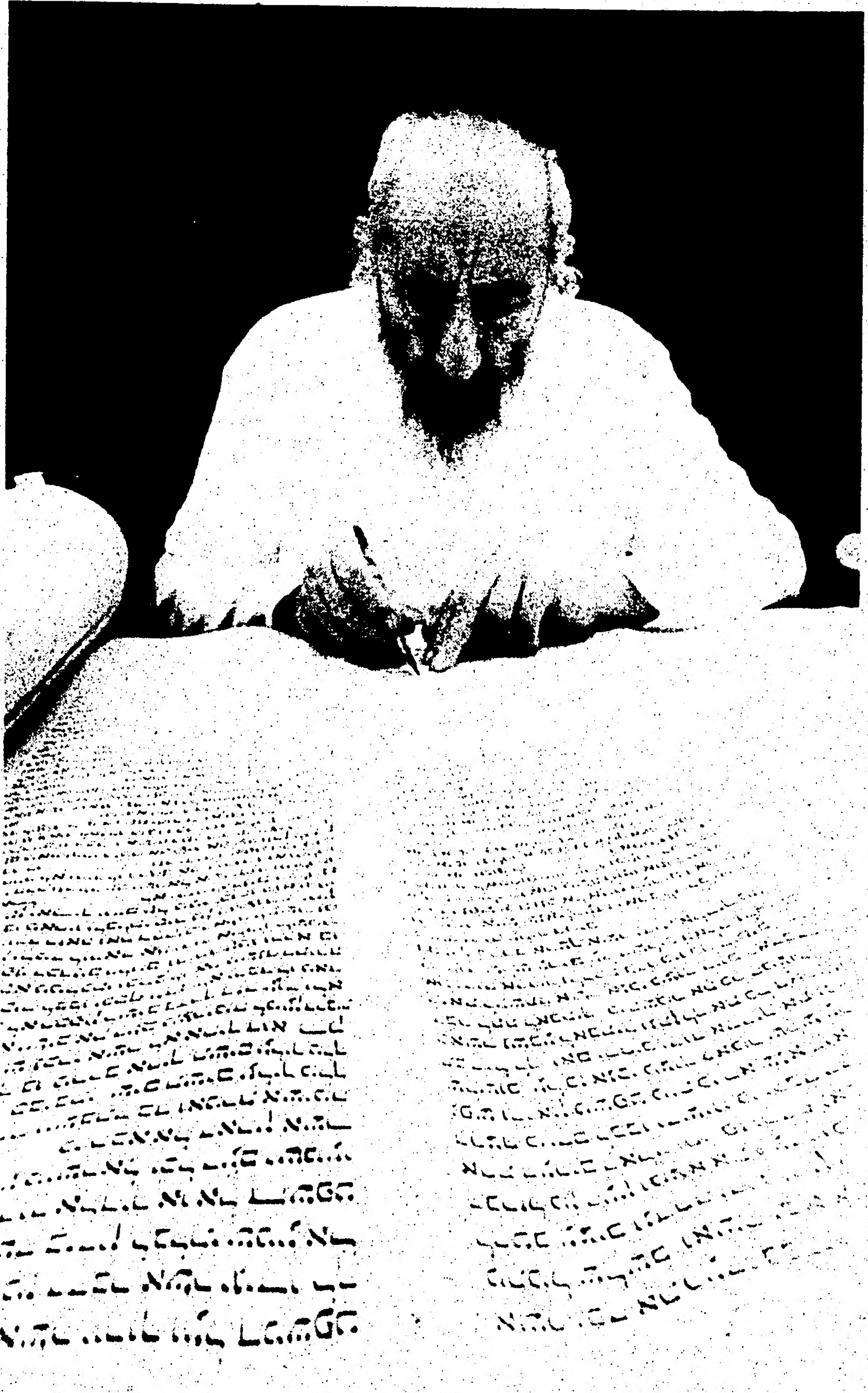

Yemenite scribe Ezri Sharabi, 72, at work restoring a Torah scroll.

Yemenite scribe restores old scrolls

By
VARDA AVNISAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — At 9 he started learning the art of writing holy books and by his 13th birthday he had already transcribed the Song of Songs, the Scrolls of Ruth and Esther, the Haggadah and other holy books.

Today at 72, Ezri Sharabi, a Yemenite scribe, can only work three of four hours a day, for his vision is weak and his hand moves slowly.

Yet he still painstakingly restores old and damaged Torah scrolls in his modest two room apartment in Jerusalem's Katamon Tet neighborhood, as another High Holiday season approaches.

Like most Jewish children in Sana, North Yemen, he was educated in a cheder. He considers himself lucky since "village boys did not often enjoy the luxury of proper schooling," he says.

He remembers the cheder vividly: "In those days there were no chairs or tables, so we would sit on straw mats on the floor." At 9 years of age he began to take weekly lessons in the intricate art of scripture writing. "The teacher would pass among the children and check every letter," he recalls. "Every letter and every dot had to be perfect."

Asked how long it took to acquire the expertise needed for scripture writing, he answered, "It depended on the ability of each child. Some children were ready after two years, others after four." Ezri was ready after two years.

The process of writing the Scriptures was intricate and time consuming, says Ezri, describing in detail the method of preparing the instruments for this holy task. "We would prepare the calf skin by cutting it thinly and soaking it in water and barley flour for several days, after which we would hang it in the sun to dry."

Ink, he explained, is no longer made but bought in the religious Mea Shearim neighborhood. Quills made from feathers were preferred for the actual writing.

After his bar mitzvah, Ezri left the cheder and began working in a factory. In his spare time, however, he continued to transcribe different books for use in the synagogue.

Throughout the years Ezri has continued to restore Torah scrolls as well as, at the request of the ministry of religious affairs, many old books which have arrived in Israel since the founding of the state. "There are many books from Europe that were saved from the Holocaust and found their way to Israel," he says.

While working on the Torah scrolls, Ezri must recite a special prayer and bless the scrolls and each time he restores the name of God he has to say a blessing. Asked of his feeling when he fulfills this holy task, he answers, "I have joy in my heart for I am doing His work. I feel I am a messenger of God."

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Society for Deaf Children helps in detecting problem

By
HELEN HILL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— At a Tipat Halav (mother and child) clinic in Jerusalem, a 7-month old baby sits on his mother's lap while a woman across the table pulls various objects out of a box. The tiny tinkling bell, colorful maracas, spoon and cup and crinkly tissue paper, however, are not mere playthings but part of a simple kit for testing the hearing of infants.

Through the efforts of MICHA, the Society for Deaf Children, and with the cooperation of the ministry of health, the kit has been placed in every mother and child clinic in Israel, along with directions as to its use.

Speech therapist Esti Gorelnick teaches Yonaton Shayovitz, a hearing-impaired child, how to pronounce an "e" sound at the MICHA centre in Tel Aviv.

This voluntary, non-profit organization, founded in the early years of the State by the late Dr. Ezra Korine, is leading the way in detecting hearing impairment in very young children. At present the average age of detection is one year in Israel as opposed to approximately four years in the U.S.

Children living in Israel's central region come to the bright and airy MICHA building in Tel Aviv for diagnosis, treatment and education aimed at helping them function as normally as possible in a hearing society.

"Our goal is total communication," says director Carol Froelich. "We believe in teaching hearing-impaired children to listen and speak, rather than depend on sign language."

Hearing aids are the first weapon on the long haul to communication and can help all but a few children to use their residual hearing to the maximum. Devices are fitted in babies as young as 2 months and become part of the child's life, "like wearing glasses," she remarks.

The centre is equipped with all kinds of electronic aids for testing and teaching but it's teachers and therapists that are all important. From the moment the child arrives at MICHA, he or she will be in the care of the therapists, referred to only as teachers, who work patiently, one-to-one and in groups, to break the barrier of silence.

Babies up to the age of 2 receive individual speech and language lessons twice a week at the centre with back-up sessions at home. Parents are encouraged to fill their child's world with sound, talking to them naturally and letting them play with noisy toys such as drums, whistles and squeakers as well as explaining household sounds like a vacuum cleaner, telephone and alarm clock.

Two and 3-year-olds spend four mornings a week at a regular neighborhood nursery school and on the other two mornings attend the MICHA kindergarten, where they have private therapy sessions.

In one classroom a group of lively boys and girls play happily, watching out for the light on the deciblescope that indicates the teacher is talking. Around the room a loop system links the teacher to the children's hearing aids.

"We teach the children an important skill — how to listen," comments Froehlich. "The emphasis is on constant linguistic stimulation."

The children, however, are not only at the receiving end of sound; they also help to create it with joyful musical sessions using simple percussion instruments, an organ and an amplifier.

Regular sessions with an individual teacher open up the world of language for the hearing-impaired child. Sitting in a special classroom full of interesting objects and playthings the child learns to talk about his world to an ever-patient therapist. The child's parents may sit and watch through a two-way mirror.

Their presence is an important part of the MICHA system which encourages parents to integrate the methods of teaching at the centre with their approach to the problem at home.

At 4 years old, the children attend one of the special integrated kindergartens where hearing-impaired children learn and play alongside hearing children. MICHA teachers continue their individual auditory training and speech and language development, with continued back-up from parents at home.

By first grade many of the children will be able to attend regular school and come to MICHA twice a week after school for further lessons, up to the age of 8.

Parents receive counselling from the psychologists at the centre, who work with them to help them to understand and accept the handicap, emphasizing that deafness is not a medical but an educational problem.

"Children learn language from parents," says Froehlich, "and there's usually a period of emotional distress when parents realize that there are far more difficulties with a hearing-impaired child."

It is just as frustrating for the child who is unable to say "Ima" (mummy) or express its needs. This often leads to behavioral problems. "Deafness is less visible but more debilitating," adds Froehlich.

Parents often have to adjust their lifestyles to helping their child.Being present at therapy sessions means organizing work schedules accordingly and having babysitters on hand.

MICHA's toy library offers parents a source of additional playthings, and guidance is given in making inexpensive toys at home. Advice and assistance are also at hand from the social worker, speech therapists and genetic counsellor together with a devoted band of volunteers who help with everything from extra home tutoring to fund raising.

Though the Tel Aviv centre works with the majority of MICHA children (from Hadera to Ashkelon), branches in Jerusalem, Haifa and Beersheba are doing equally valuable work.

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Cultural ties seen as sensitive

Israeli Academic Centre surviving in Cairo

By
ELAINE FLETCHER

CAIRO (JPFS) —
The Israeli Academic Centre in Cairo recently celebrated its 5th anniversary, surviving as a rare gem of Egyptian-Israeli exchanges among the missed opportunities of the 1979 peace treaty.

The centre has survived despite the fact that the question of cultural ties with Israel is an even more volatile issue in Egypt than trade or political connections, says Prof. Shimon Shamir, the centre's first director.

Moreover, the centre has cultivated a following in Cairo's academic community, even though Egypt's universities are the main staging ground for religious and left-wing anti-Israel agitation.

"It's awfully strange that, especially in this field . . . we've managed to establish ourselves and make progress," says Gabriel Warburg, who took over the centre from Shamir in 1984 and remained at the helm until earlier this year, when he was replaced by Prof. Asher Ovadia, of the classics and art history department at Tel Aviv University.

They both stress that the centre is not Israel's cultural "embassy" in Egypt; rather, they say, it is a meeting-ground for Egyptian and Israeli academics doing cross-cultural research.

The centre has aided more than 200 Israeli academics and researchers who have gone to Egypt for visits ranging from a few days to a few months, guiding them through bureaucratic tangles.

It also serves hundreds of Egyptian students looking for books, videos and periodicals on Judaica, Hebrew literature and Israel.

"The numbers, in comparison to the hundreds of thousands who don't come, aren't very large," says Warburg.

Nevertheless, the centre's library resources, lectures and opportunities for casual encounters with Israelis have helped to cultivate a small Egyptian constituency that is more sophisticated about Israeli society and sensitive to the anti-Israeli attacks of the Egyptian opposition.

And this has happened despite concerted attacks from the opposition press and intellectuals against any sort of cultural ties with Israel.

"The centre has become one of the most popular targets of the opposition," says Warburg. "No other subject is as good a catalyst."

Why are such cultural and academic ties so sensitive an issue? Shamir sees it partly as a reflection of Egyptian insecurity about maintaining a national identity in the face of foreign contacts.

"Many Egyptian intellectuals," he says, "tend to see this whole problem of cultural relations against the background of their traumatic relationship with the Western world."

"They tend to see it in the context of an imperialist political and economic expansion, and therefore regard cultural relations as a threat to the development of their own authentic personality and culture."

A number of recent books attacking Israel-Egyptian ties have, in fact, focused on the cultural exchanges between the two countries, however meagre.

They describe Israel's outreach in terms like "the cultural invasion of Egypt" and "the cultural attack on the Egyptian mind."

In this context, says Shamir, "an Israeli book in the Cairo book fair is more dangerous than an Israeli ship in the Suez Canal."

While political and trade ties may involve a peace between governments, cultural ties imply a more comprehensive peace between peoples. In Egypt, however, in addition to the psychological barrier, there are political ones.

"From the Egyptian point of view, cultural relations are seen as an Israeli demand in the context of the quid pro quo of the peace treaty, something the government must control and regulate according to the ups and downs of the political relationship."

Today, while the Egyptian government is taking a pragmatic line towards peace with Israel, professional organizations of doctors, lawyers and journalists regularly call for boycotts of the "normalization" process, says Shamir.

Their opposition is based on ideological and practical grounds, and is stimulated by the deeper fears of Israeli cultural penetration.

"Many of the intelligentsia have strong ties with the Arab world, which is their public," says Shamir, and this factor intensifies the pressures to shun Israel.

"Writers, those in the cinema, in the arts — they work for the whole Arab world, and their material contacts depend on the Arab market."

The intelligentsia, moreover, often carries ideological banners with a decidedly anti-Israeli slant — be they Nasserist, leftist or Islamic: "There is no ideology of peace with Israel," says Shamir.

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More Jewish women seeking bat mitzvahs

WASHINGTON —

Why are women of all ages and professions seeking to participate in a ritual which until recently was reserved for girls who reach the age of 13?

Women's World, a publication of B'nai B'rith Women, describes how this trend, reflected in one of the largest bat mitzvah programs in the U.S., is attracting women who are interested in becoming more observant and more connected to synagogue life.

Rabbi Avis Miller, who leads the 15-18 month program of study at Adas Israel in Washington, says that "Jewish women are embarrassed to come to the synagogue and feel like an outsider in a place where they most want to feel at home."

Learning the prayer service and learning to read from the Torah, she says, gives them a feeling of "competence" and a sense of belonging.

Women also want to learn in order to be able to do. According to a survey of women who participated in the first four bat mitzvah classes at Adas Israel, a large percentage began to observe kashruth for the first time, prepare a Shabbat dinner, or make their home the centre of Jewish activity for friends and family during the holidays.

Myrna Seidman, a current member of the class, feels women have been disenfranchised" by institutional Judaism. This program, she feels, offers women who are in transition something around which to gain recognition and around which to grow.

For Seidman, a divorced woman of 50, the class has provided an opportunity to bond with other women, filling the gap of alienation in urban life. "Because I travel a lot one of the things I wanted was a place to come back to — a home to which I could reconnect easily."

The same desire for connection has led to the creation of a telephone corps among the women in the class. This group makes help available to women who are expecting a baby or confined to the house and need someone to run errands or just be available on the telephone. They hope this program will be adopted by the entire synagogue of 1,700 members.

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Samson and the taco

By
MARCEL STRIGBERER

There's a television commercial I saw recently which shows Samson shackled to two large pillars. It's lunch time and a guard offers the strong man a hamburger. Samson rejects the burger saying, "I need a burger about as much as I need a haircut."

When the guard then lets Samson taste a taco from a popular taco chain, Samson goes into a state of ecstasy and walks away, causing the pillars to tumble down. Don't laugh. This is apprently the way it really happened.

A couple of American archeologists have discovered a new batch of ancient scrolls that confirm not only the Samson scenario but also relate other previously unknown events about some of the other biblical characters.

The scrolls also relate that Adam, of Adam and Eve fame, always wore a gray fedora. When he and Eve were being ejected naked from the Garden of Eden Adam told the bouncer angel, "I'm not going until I find my hat." The three of them looked for it for a while but without success.

Craving for pizza

The angel then forcefully ejected Adam by the seat of his fig leafs. The angel eventually located the hat under some bushes and sent it along to Adam's son Abel who sported it handsomely. Cain wanted to try it on and Abel refused to let him. Cain lost his temper and the rest is history.

And did you know that Noah almost missed the great flood because of his craving for pizza? As the clouds hovered over he couldn't resist having just one more double cheese and mushroom extra large and so he sent a slave over to a local joint to order one delivered.

After an hour when it had not yet arrived he ran down to the pizzeria himself complaining about the slow service. The manager of "Hot Hittite Pizza" apologized for the delay saying that his delivery boy had difficulty finding the ark.

He offered to prepare Noah a fresh one there and then and to allow Noah to flog the delivery boy. Noah told him that it was getting late and he'd take a rain check.

The scrolls also reveal that it was not the intention of the mother of Moses to simply put him into a basket and leave him in the bullrushes to be picked up by some strangers.

No return address

Mother had actually planned to use the ancient Egyptian postal service to send her son to a friend residing in what is now the Sudan. She bundled up Moses very neatly and put him into a basket.

Things would have gone according to plan but for the fact that as Moses was to have been placed aboard a boat with the other mail, the Egyptian postal workers went on a wildcat strike and dumped all of the mail into the Nile.

Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and she would have returned him but she did not know his point of origin as the mother forgot to print her return address on the basket. Such is fate.

And did you know that David did not kill Goliath with a slingshot. Everyone knows you can't kill giants with a slingshot. Then again Goliath wasn't a giant. He measured only 5 feet 5 inches in height. He was called the giant because of his long nose which extended about 15 inches.

It is true that Goliath was the Philistine chief and that the Hebrews were afraid of him as there was no known defence to one of Goliath's sneezes. But David did not kill him. Goliath died after he was attacked by a large female anteater in heat.

Believe it or not these are the archeological findings. Myself I intend to keep an open mind and reserve judgment until they also come up with Adam's fedora.

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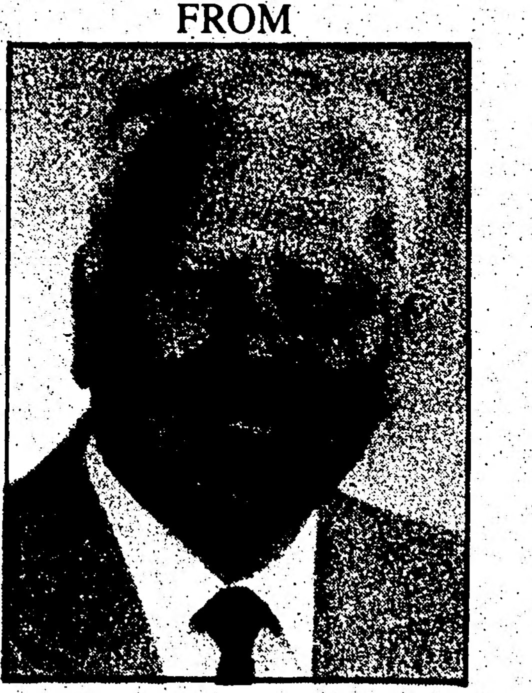

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Chicken soup and schnorring

Brickman probes psychology of Jewish humor

By
HELEN GREENBERG

TORONTO —
Sidney Brickman is one of the funniest people in town. But he doesn't just tickle the funny bone — he challenges the mind, as well.

For the past two and a half years the retired chemical engineer, who came to Canada from England 36 years ago, has been enlightening and entertaining audiences throughout Ontario. His topic: ''The Psychology of Jewish Humor.''

''Ever hear the one about the Jewish woman who had two chickens?'' chuckles Brickman, his hazel eyes twinkling. ''One of them became sick, so she killed the healthy chicken and made it into soup to cure the sick one.''

Sidney Brickman

This is only one of many stories in a wide repertoire which illustrates recurrent themes in Jewish humor and allows audiences to laugh at themselves.

His decision to research the topic and share his findings is a direct result of encouragement from his wife Sarah and their family, Robert, Miriam, and Leslie. It is also a natural outgrowth of his professional background, interests, and talents.

Having been, for the past 10 years an adjunct professor in University of Toronto's chemical engineering department, he is no stranger to a lectern. And in social circles he is known as a raconteur with a prodigious memory and a wit with a quip for every occasion.

Even his community work reflects his love for things educational and entertaining, for he is both chairman of the Adult Education Committee of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council and a member of the Theatre Management Committee of the Leah Posluns Theatre.

However, Brickman has another explanation: ''This hobby is really an outgrowth of my emotional and intellectual involvement in synagogue life and the study of my heritage. The research and lectures are one way of expressing my Jewishness.'' He is an active member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

There are several crteria for choosing the stories that illustrate the ''how'' and ''why'' of Jewish behavior. ''First of all,'' he says,'' the joke should be able to withstand what I call the 'Jewishness test.' For example, it should not work if the Jew in the story is changed to a Gentile.'' The one about the woman and the chicken soup proves his point.

But primarily it must be pertinent on more than one level and must have a message. The objective is to hold a mirror up to the audience so they can become aware of their own foibles and hopefully smile at the same time.

The lectures are almost entirely in English, except for an occasional Yiddish joke needed to illuminate a point. Brickman, a master of comic timing and vocal inflection, usually begins with an anecdote. In the appropriate setting even an old joke serves his purpose.

''One day a schnorrer paid a visit to Rothschild's office. After steadfastly refusing to state his purpose to Rothchild's secretary, he finally gained admittance to the Baron himself. Upon hearing the Jew out, Rothschild asked, 'So why couldn't you have told that to my secretary?' To which the schnorrer replied, 'You may know banking, but don't tell me how to schnorr.' ''

There's an intimacy here that exists between Jews and is characterized not so much by respect as by chutzpah and an affectionate but ill-mannered display of familiarity, says Brickman.

Most of Jewish humor is what Brickman calls ''funny but not merry.'' We laugh through our tears. ''There was a Jew who lived in one small room with his wife and seven children. When he complained to his rabbi about his cramped living quarters, the rabbi advised him to put a goat and a cow in his room.

He followed the rabbi's advice but returned one week later, begging the rabbi to let him return the animals to the stable. The rabbi agreed. A few weeks later he asked the Jew how he was managing. 'It's as if we lived in a ballroom!' he exclaimed.''

''The bitter part in that story,'' says Brickman, ''is that the Jew is poverty-stricken; the sweet part is the satisfactory resolution of his plight. The humor lies in his *perception* of the resolution of his problem.''

One kind of story Brickman avoids like the plague is the ''self-denigration'' joke, as he feels he'd be doing a disservice to Jewish self-respect by telling jokes that put Jews down.

He limits his talks to Jewish audiences because he feels that his jokes are best appreciated when shared by people having similar backgrounds, attitudes, experiences, and reactions to anti-semitism.

Women's organizations, Jewish students' associations at several Ontario Universities, synagogue study groups, and seniors' clubs have all enjoyed the result of Brickman's research. With characteristic wit he claims, ''My modesty prevents me from admitting that the talks have been well received.''

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Future remains uncertain

Small Jewish community in England vigorous

By
FRANCES KRAFT

HARROGATE, England — Finding the Jewish community in the charming garden town of Harrogate, halfway between London and Edinburgh, involves some persistence for the average tourist. A bit of luck helps too.

I asked the desk clerks at two local hotels whether there was a synagogue in Harrogate, and both said no. "You'll have to go to Leeds for that, luv," said one with a strong Yorkshire accent. I checked the phone books. The synagogue is not listed.

Fortunately I had also checked the Jewish Travel Guide, which does list a synagogue in Harrogate. I also inquired at Harrogate's tourist office, there the clerk was well-informed and promptly gave me accurate directions to the shul.

I knew that there had been a Jewish community in Harrogate. My father, Eugene Tozman, a former member of the RCAF, was stationed in Dishforth, about 15 miles from Harrogate, during World War II. He has fond memories of the Harrogate Jewish community which welcomed countless Canadian and American Jewish servicemen and women.

Max Goldberg, another Toronto alumnus of the RCAF, remembers the Harrogate rabbi, Rev. Eli Kahan, bringing matzoh to the bases for Passover. Many Jewish residents invited servicemen into their homes in Harrogate for Friday night dinners, as well as Yom Tov meals. The community held a social in the synagogue every Sunday night, with a dinner once a month for 80 to 100 people.

The servicemen were very appreciative. In May, 1945, Max Goldberg asked my dad if he would canvass the station in Dishforth for donations towards a plaque for the Harrogate synagogue.

That plaque was one of the first things I saw as I entered the shul on a cloudy Saturday morning this past June. It is mounted on the wall just outside the sanctuary and reads as follows:

"This tablet was presented to the Harrogate Hebrew Congregation in appreciation of hospitality extended to Canadian Jewish members of the forces during the Second World War, 1945-5705."

The community continues its kindness to Canadian Jews. The shul maintains the graves of about half a dozen Jewish RCAF members who died during the war. They are buried in the military section of Harrogate's Stonefall Cemetery, Jewish stars blazing on their headstones amidst the numerous crosses.

A core group of men from the Harrogate Hebrew Congregation pay an annual visit to the cemetery to say the traditional memorial prayer for them.

It's the core group that's so important to the Jews in Harrogate, as in any small community. Carl Rosen, who served as secretary of the synagogue from 1975 until this summer, is one of the core group.

His duties included "anything you can think of." Now in his mid-60s, he attends services regularly, although he pointed out that he is not religious, but rather, "public spirited."

The WIZO group is another important part of the community. Sybil Baker, its treasurer, proudly told me that they raise more money per head in Harrogate than any other community in the country. At their Family Lunch this past June, they raised about 600 pounds (over $1,250 Canadian).

Rosen told us that they served "a jolly good lunch," adding, "They do a wonderful job for the size of the community and the age of them."

WIZO membership in Harrogate numbers about 75, although the turnout at their monthly meetings averages only 15 women.

There are 150 people on the synagogue's roster, although many are noted as non-attenders, rare attenders, or aged.

The Harrogate Hebrew Congregation [Frances Kraft photo]

During the war, the Jewish population of Harrogate swelled to an estimated 400 families — 150 local families plus those who had fled the bombing elsewhere. Lew Moses, who is active in Toronto's Jewish community, remembers that the Harrogate community was able to support a kosher butcher and a kosher fishmonger during the war. Until a few years ago, it had its own rabbi and even a Sunday school.

Harrogate's Jewish community dates back to World War I, when its original shul was established above an antique dealer's shop. In the mid-1920's they acquired the school building of a local church, which served as synagogue for over 40 years.

The present synagogue was built in 1968, on the same site as the previous one. The old one was "going to rack and ruin," according to Stephen Hipps, whose parents and widowed grandmother were well-known for their hospitality during the war.

Now in his early 40s, he is the only Hipps who remains in Harrogate. He is not a synagogue member, but if he were to join, he would become one of a group whose youngest active member is roughly a decade older than he is.

On the Saturday that my husband and I attended services, there were 18 men and 11 women, an average turnout, we were told. Rev. S. R. Evans of Leeds, about 17 miles away, conducted the Orthodox service.

He comes to Harrogate about once a month and stays at a flat owned by the shul for the visiting "minister," as clergy of all denominations are called in England. A young student from Leeds conducts services on other Saturdays.

After services we were welcomed by the shul president at a kiddush consisting of Israeli wine, and baked goods from a kosher bakery in Leeds.

What is the future of Harrogate's Jewry? Unless there is an influx of young people or a renewed interest on the part of unaffiliated members, it seems destined to fade away.

The community is still vigorous, though, and the people are active supporters of Jewish causes. They are also a most hospitable group, and finding them more than justified the search.

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Film make-up artist looks at her role

By
VIVIEN SHARON

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For Zivit Yakir, Israel's top film makeup artist, actors are just ordinary people. Whether they are Kirk Douglas, Lee Marvin, Tom Hanks, Louis Gossett Jr., Shelley Winters, Susan Strasberg or Brooke Adams — all of whom she has made up — they are all subject to moods.

"They have their good days and their bad days just like everybody else," Yakir says nonchalantly.

"At 5 a.m. I'm the first person an actor sees on the set. They come to me before wardrobe and wait for me to do miracles. I keep telling them I'm not a magician," laughs Yakir, 33, a trim, flaming redhead and mother of three children, aged 12, 8, and 15 months.

At that early hour they are often tired and cranky and have red puffy eyes, she says. Before applying makeup she places ice packs to their eyes for 15 minutes to reduce the swelling from too much partying or just utter fatigue. She is excited to show me her recent purchase from New York City — an ice mask, which she says will replace the archaic ice pack.

"A makeup artist to the stars is part psychologist, part friend," confides Yakir, who is married to Avi Yakir, 38, a well-known Israeli actor and scriptwriter.

He is famous for his role as actor, writer, director and puppeteer for the popular kids program, Kishkashta, between 1976 to 1982, which was Israel's version of the Muppet show. It is now in reruns.

He has also appeared on stage and had a small role in the TV mini-series, Golda, opposite Ingrid Bergman. He recalls that during filming she was always punctual, friendly and professional despite her advanced cancer and constant pain.

Now he concentrates on scriptwriting for Israeli television.

After 12 years in film makeup, Zivit Yakir, a Tel Aviv native, is at the pinnacle of her profession. In Toronto recently for the first time with her husband and baby, she was asked to cut short her holidays by one week and return to Israel to work on a 6-hour mini-series for German television to be filmed in English.

A 1937 period piece, the series is being shot on a newly erected set in Tel Aviv.

"I find period pieces very exciting. I have to read the script well ahead of production, do research of the clothes and makeup of the era, and ultimately, make something out of nothing," says Yakir, who studied her craft from Bob Kelley, a makeup specialist in New York. "You need lots of imagination to create realistic characters."

She also enjoys the challenge of aging leading actors through the application of sophisticated makeup techniques.

"It's amazing to see how depressed young actors get when they are made to look old. It affects them; they get really depressed," she says.

She also visits wounded patients in emergency wards in Tel Aviv hospitals so that her "makeup" — in which bombings and war scenes are simulated — will appear authentic.

Over the years, Yakir has worked on more than 60 films, mainly for such American production companies as the Cannon Group, owned by Menachem Golan and Yoram Globus, Tri-Star, Columbia Pictures, and Home Box Office.

As chief makeup artist, she only looks after the leading actors. The others are made up by her three assistants. They work in an air-conditioned van reserved for makeup and hairstyling.

Yakir admits that her work is not as glamorous as it seems. The hours are arduous (often from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. six days a week).

Yakir contends with occasional boredom, she says, but by far the most difficult is the time she is separated from her family.

Last winter, for example, she was in Nairobi for almost three months, involved in a picture, Lion of Africa, starring Brian Donnehy (Cocoon) and Brooke Adams. Immediately afterwards, she spent two months in Eilat working on the soon-to-be-released war picture The Beast, starring Stephen Bauer (Abner in Swords of Gideon).

She believes Israel offers the best weather conditions for filmmaking in the world.

"Where else in the world can you find deserts, beaches, archeological and historic sites, air force bases, and 10 months of sunshine?" she says.

Besides the stable climate, she says the Israeli technical crews are skilled and professional. "It is also better to film in Israel because the salaries and taxes are considerably lower."

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Getting its "act together"

Israeli economy seen on the upswing

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The past year has seen a dramatic upturn in Israel's economic fortunes. Business is generally booming despite political tensions between the partners in the national unity government and many optimists feel that after nearly 40 years of independence Israel is finally getting its economic act together.

Most economists are less hopeful. They concede that inflation has fallen, unemployment has fallen, exports have risen and growth has been sustained. But they also point to negative trends like increased imports and most especially the continued high level of public expenditure.

Nevertheless, even the most cautious and outspoken critics of the government's economic policies are forced to admit that last year's economic performance has outstripped all expectations. Most conspicuously of all inflation has dropped remarkably to just 19% in 1986 and even lower in 1987 from a horrific high of 445% in 1984.

One immediate effect of lower inflation has been the stabilization of the new shekel. Unlike its predecessors, the lira and the (old) shekel, the new shekel has not become a national joke. On the contrary, an average of $100 million per month has been flooding into Israel from overseas and converted into shekels as investors take advantage of the high interest rates offered by Israeli banks.

As a result Israel's foreign currency reserves were boosted to a record $4.6 billion. This has ruined the Bank of Israel's policy of monetary restraint as commercial banks offer both businessmen and consumers new credit lines.

In part the growth stimulated by this credit has helped bring unemployment down from a peak of 7.9% in 1986 to 5.7% in the first half of 1987 with a further drop anticipated. Thus, as much by accident as design, Israel has belied the supposedly inverted relationship between inflation and unemployment by decreasing them both.

Unemployment has also been eased by the country's export boom. Overseas sales climbed to a record $6.3 billion in 1986, 13% above the 1985 figure. Furthermore, statistics from the early months of 1987 show an additional 9% increase in exports.

Successful sectors include polished diamonds, where exports rose 32% from $1.26 billion in 1986, and electronics and metal, where exports rose 14% from $1.92 in 1985 to $2.2 billion in 1986.

Tourism, a big foreign currency earner, also picked up. The threat of international terrorism caused a sharp drop in the number of visitors to Israel in 1986 when only 1.2 million people came to the country. But over 700,000 tourists visited Israel in the first six months of 1987, and the expected 1.5 million visitors this year will spend almost $1.5 billion in foreign currency.

Other sectors struggled. Many high-tech concerns fought to stave off bankruptcy. Well-known names like Scitex and Elscint had disastrous years with Elscint recording a $120 million loss in 1986 while Scitex lost $35 million.

Some blamed overseas marketing inexperience, while others pointed to a shortage of domestic capital. The agricultural sector also faced increasingly hard times with bankruptcy staring many farmers in the face.

Moreover, the balance of payments gap barely narrowed because increased exports were almost outweighed by a rise in imports. The price of oil rose sharply from $10 a barrel to around $18. Sales of imported consumer durables soared with double the number of new cars being imported, while microwave ovens and compact discs became the latest consumer fad.

The government did take some steps towards putting its own house in order by cutting annual public expenditures by 5% to $24.5 billion. This cut was felt most keenly in the health and education sectors with hospitals, schools and universities facing unprecedented financial crises.

The fate of the Lavi jet fighter, on which some $1.5 billion has so far been spent, is still not clear at press time. If the Israel government decides to proceed with production of the Lavi it will have to find funding for it outside the defence budget. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin claimed that the depleted defence budget could not support the project.

Social and welfare services were also cut drastically but while teachers, students and nurses could strike to publicize their plight, the elderly and sick were less able to articulate their own cause.

Most economists and businessmen are demanding further public expenditure cuts as well as tax and capital reforms that will ease the tax burden. Some Israelis are worried that economic growth will be achieved at the expense of the country's disadvantaged.

However, in the mainstream of middle and working class Israel, the year 5747 was characterized by the proverbial feeling that the average Israeli "had never had it so good." With the political parties already squaring up for next year's election campaign, they might do well to note the underlying cynicism of the Israeli public.

According to opinion polls, the Israeli in the street does not credit either Labor or Likud with increased prosperity but rather feels that economic well-being has been achieved in spite of the politicians.

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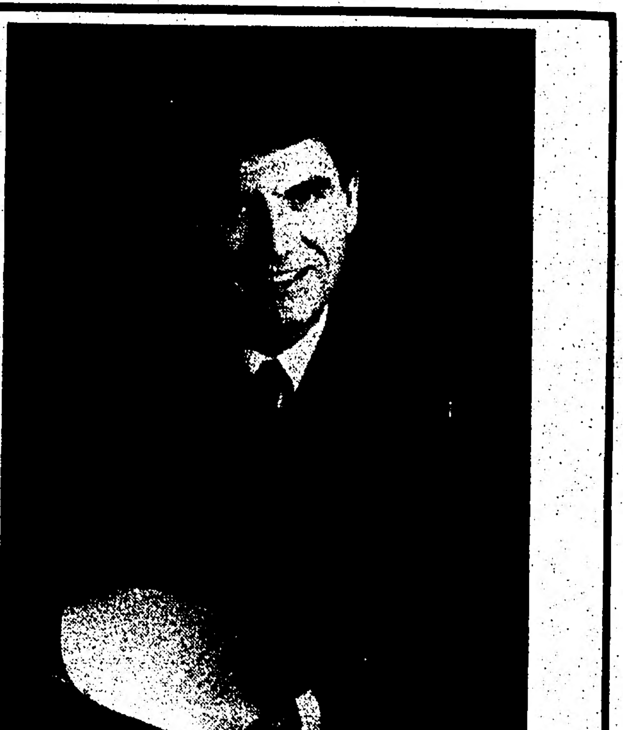

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1933-45 ignored

Germans confront history

By
RICK RAEL

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — "I was outraged when my teacher ended one chapter of a German history lesson with 1933 and began the next with 1945 as if time had magically stopped. I felt deep down that I couldn't accept this vacuum of 12 years and I needed to know then, and I think many young German people need to know today, exactly what happened."

Barbara Huhn recalls that moment, when as a 16-year-old high school student in Oer Erkenschwick, near Hamburg, she chose to confront her teachers' silence and her country's historical responsibility for the deaths of millions of Jews.

Five years later that choice brought her to Israel, where she is now serving as a volunteer in a hospital for handicapped children in Jerusalem. She shares a house with five other young volunteers from West Germany, all of whom are part of an organization called Action Reconciliation/Services for Peace, a program dedicated to taking steps toward redressing their country's past through voluntary projects for the nations and peoples that suffered at the hands of Hitler.

Action Reconciliation was born of the wartime experiences of Lothar Kreyssig, a devoutly religious judge from Mecklenberg and a member of the minority Confessing Church.

Kreyssig felt the deep moral failure of Christianity during the war and considered the Holocaust to be Christianity's most grievous crime and the most significant crisis in its history. He wrote in 1945, "infinite suffering and sorrow have been brought upon nations and countries by us." He then sought means by which Germans could confront their history through acts of reconciliation.

His "Call for Peace" in 1958, when chairman of the Synod of the Protestant Church in Germany at the moment when the group was formulating a position on nuclear arms, set the ideological direction for the Action Reconciliation program.

The West Berlin-based program sent its first group of volunteers to Israel in October, 1961, where they spent six months in the fields and orchards of kibbutzim and toured the historical sites of the country. Since then, approximately 500 volunteers have spent periods from 18 to 24 months in the country, working in a variety of social and community service capacities: caring for the elderly, assisting the handicapped, helping disadvantaged children, etc.

There are currently 24 volunteers between the ages of 20 and 28 in Israel and nearly 140 people working in various countries, including France, Holland, Norway, Britain and the United States.

"Yes, I sometimes feel the shame of being a German here in Israel," says Barbara Huhn softly. "It's an inescapable fact of life. Having to say where I'm from, thinking about what others are thinking, it is often difficult. Sometimes I get angry because I want people to know me, to know why I'm here. Yet I understand it all. . ."

Action Reconciliation/Services for Peace volunteer Johannes Blum, a conscientious objector and student of Protestant theology in Frankfurt, works as a volunteer at Yad Vashem and the Leo Baeck Institute in Jerusalem.

Today's headlines, nearly half a century after Auschwitz, make confronting the Holocaust a contemporary fact of Israeli life. The current John Demjanjuk trial and the screening of Claude Lanzmann's film Shoah are, according to Huhn, "very important reminders, very painful educational lessons, that the world, and particularly young people, must come to terms with."

At the end of the year, Barbara will return to West Germany to pursue university study. She hopes to continue her service in Action Reconciliation there by leading discussions in schools .

"Young people used to tell me that they've heard enough about the Holocaust, that it happened too long ago for it to concern them now," comments Annette Bartsch, 20, a volunteer in Jerusalem. "But neo-Nazism still exists in Germany, and there are people around the world who continue to claim the Holocaust never took place."

To confront these issues and to prepare for future work in Jewish communities, potential volunteers, after undergoing a rigorous screening process, attend a series of lectures and workshops on Jewish history and the historical development of anti-semitism, with an emphasis on its roots in Germany. The preparatory classes continue in Israel, where the participants experience and adjust to Israeli society while studying Hebrew.

Heribert Krane, 32, is currently program director of Action Reconciliation Services, assuming the position last March. A former volunteer who spent time in Israel during 1975/76, he worked in a youth village in Ben Shemen for 18 months before returning to West German to study sociology. He maintained contact with the Action organization's main office in West Berlin, working both in that city and in Washington before returning to Jerusalem. Like most of the male participants in the program, Krane was a conscientious objector in West Germany who was allowed to substitute military service with work in Israel.

To confront the past is not to research the historical facts, nor to publicly expiate one's guilt. Rather, for he and other young Germans like him, it is to accept responsibility for the events of the Holocaust, something which often brings difficult and sometimes painful encounters.

"My father," Krane says, "was 18 when he was drafted; my age exactly at that time. I recall his thoughts and feelings, especially his fears and remorse over the destruction that his generation brought about. It brought us significantly closer and he fully supported what I was doing."

Krane indicates that not all stories are so bright and knows of several instances when families had strong disagreements, sometimes to the point of parents and sons or daughters no longer speaking.

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Tour conveys mystery and solitude

Israel's Judean Desert an unforgettable sight

By
JANET MOSHE

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Tourist sites of monumental religious and archeological importance await the visitor to Israel at every junction in the country. Beautiful Mediterranean beaches, modern urban centres and colorful Middle Eastern markets compete for the attention of tourists from all over the world.

For the adventurous, however, a safari off the beaten track is just the thing to provide an unforgettable glimpse into the secrets of Israel's Judean Desert.

The Desert Tour Village of Metzoke Dragot is just a little more than an hour's drive out of Jerusalem, but this jumping-off spot for touring the Judean Hills and Dead Sea area conveys all the mystery and solitude of the desert. Young enterprising members of nearby Kibbutz Mitzpe Shalem opened the touring village in 1981 to provide intensive tours of the harsh yet beautiful desert landscape they know so well.

One of the specialties of Metzoke Dragot, meaning literally the Cliffs of Dragot, is instruction in the art of rappelling. Not a sport for the faint-hearted, rappelling is a method of sliding down the face of a cliff with ropes arranged around the body in order to help control the descent. In addition to the undoubted feeling of euphoria that rappelling a 250-foot sheer cliff can bring, the scenery is literally breathtaking.

If it's hard to imagine jumping into a yawning chasm with just a rope or two between you and the floor of the river bed far below, it might be comforting to know in their six years of operation no one has been injured on the rappelling tours. And even Israel President Chaim Herzog has participated on one of Metzoke Dragot's tours!

According to 27-year-old Arnon Biran, one of Metzoke Dragot's experienced desert guides, the 2-day rappelling course should give one the confidence to take that first step off into space. In addition to rock climbing and rappelling, however, the Desert Tour Village offers hikes, bird watching, camel tours, visits to the ancient desert fortress of Masada and the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea.

Throughout the ages, the Judean Desert has always been a place of refuge for rebels, the persecuted and the recluse, including King David, the Essenes, King Herod, and the Jewish insurgents against Roman rule. Although seemingly impenetrable, the desert opens like a book to Arnon and the guides who seem to be familiar with every rock. And quite often their open-sided desert vehicle leaves the road and simply follows the crazy maze of the dry river beds.

It was the lure of the desert that brought Arnon and many of the kibbutz settlers to their hilltop home perched high above the Dead Sea. Mitzpe Shalem was founded in 1977 by groups of Nahal soldiers, and the 60 members have turned their former base camp into a fertile civilian outpost.

Today Kibbutz Mitzpe Shalem is a green and flowering oasis in the middle of the sandswept desert, and well tended gardens and barefoot children seem to be flourishing at every doorstep. Early grapes, succulent dates, mangos and melons help to give the kibbutz an agricultural anchor and Mitzpe Shalem's factory turns the chemicals and mud of the Dead Sea into popular cosmetic products.

The uncultivated desert is still the first love of many of the members, however, and the tourism industry is the largest moneymaker on the kibbutz. A guest house with 48 air conditioned rooms is a favorite for "getaway" tours, led in English, German, Spanish, French and Dutch for urban Israelis as well as tourists.

"With every group we seem to uncover something new," says Arnon, "be it the tracks of an elusive leopard or a scorpion shading himself under a stone." Although it looks like a barren wasteland to the untrained eye, the Judean Desert has a wide variety of flora and fauna. And there is nothing quite as satisfying as seeing a mountain goat or a delicate flower that has adapted itself to the harsh surroundings.

The Judean Desert is a unique geographic area, and in its midst, the Dead Sea gleams like a brilliant blue gem. Being the lowest spot on earth, visitors can climb nearby mountains and still be beneath sea level. Evaporation of sea water over a million years ago has left the area full of salt deposits, and strange pillar-like salt formations are reminiscent of how Lot's wife met her fate when she turned to look at the burning cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Today, through hard work and determination, men and women are once more gaining a foothold in the Judean Desert. Hotels and health resorts capitalize on the Dead Sea and the area's hot dry climate, and idealistic kibbutzniks are showing that the barren hills and rocks themselves have a special beauty that can attract tourists on their own merit.

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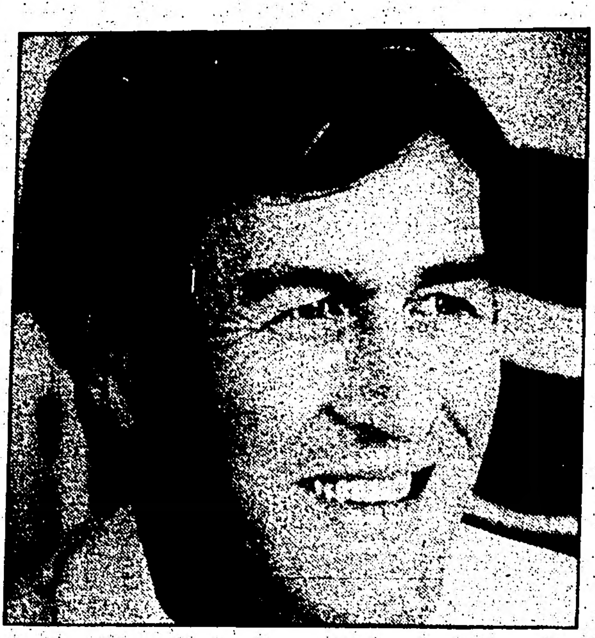

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AIDS program focuses on disease

By
WENDY ELLIMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — In an effort to give Israeli youngsters a better knowledge of AIDS and in order to contribute to the global war against the disease, a 26-year-old Israeli medical student has come up with a highly successful teaching program about the disease.

The program is the brainchild of Inon Schenker who has completed neither his medical degree nor his Masters of public health. Yet his ideas about teaching 6th graders and up about AIDS has been approved by Israel's education ministry for use in every Israeli school, hailed by the World Union of Health Education, requested by 35 European governments for further study, and may be officially adopted by the World Health Organization.

"Israel, happily, has no significant AIDS problems as yet," says Schenker, a student at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine and Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Public and Community Health.

"Nor, with our 40 recorded cases, are we likely to make any major breakthrough in the epidemiology or virology of the disease," he says. "But in education, at least, we have a chance to contribute."

For the past three years, Schenker has volunteered as a school health educator under the Perach Big Brother project, one of 45 Hadassah students who take part. He began preparing his AIDS teaching program in response to questions he encountered in the classroom.

"Most kids have heard of AIDS by now and know that it's something very threatening," says Schenker. "I began putting the course together in an attempt to answer questions and clear up misconceptions."

He sent his first draft to 26 Israeli experts — physicians, pediatricians, psychologists, psychiatrists, biologists, heads of university, schools of education, educators and parents of teenage children. Their suggestions were incorporated.

There have been few initiatives in building children's AIDS education programs, says Schenker, but "our program is different from those that do exist because of its focus. We examine AIDS primarily as a disease which attacks the immune system, rather than concentrating on its sexual transmission."

AIDS, in fact, is not even mentioned until the fifth of the course's six sessions or "units." By then youngsters have been provided with the knowledge to understand the disease better.

Unit 2 continues to explain the immune system — this time in the classroom — through slides, worksheets and cartoons of scowling "bad guys" (viruses) and glowing "good guys" (antibodies).

The third Unit is an optimistic view of medicine and its defeat of scourges, like small pox and plague. The course's fourth Unit personalizes medical protection — with youngsters bringing their immunization records to class, and discussing the protection they have been given against polio, tetanus, diphtheria and measles.

AIDS enters the program in Unit 5. Cartoons — a non-menacing tool for a menacing disease — explain AIDS against the students' newly acquired knowledge of viruses and immune deficiency. They discuss the 8-year history of the disease, and look at its virology.

Pupils are asked to name the ways that you can and can't contract AIDS — and misconceptions about transmission (shaking hands, sharing a cup, coughing) are cleared up.

The course's final unit deals with the possibility of AIDS in school: it is built on a role-play, with children taking the parts of AIDS sufferers, friends who are for and against continuing to see him, parents, teachers and doctors.

"This unit is a way of recapping the course, of developing empathy and, of course, of preparing the school population to cope with the possibility of an AIDS-infected child," says Schenker.

For older students, a seventh Unit, Safe Sex, is taught. It opens with a statistic: the risk of contracting AIDS in Israel is one in 100,000. Then it goes on to discuss why people are nevertheless so frightened, how you can protect yourself (condoms — closed, unwrapped and open — are shown), and ends with a reading list and the phone numbers and addresses of Israel's seven AIDS testing centres.

"Health education isn't the same as health information," says Schenker. "What I've tried to do is build an education program based on health concepts."

The Hadassah program has been taught so far in many Israeli high school classes and won excellent reactions in all of them. It was also presented at the WHO/World Union of Health Education/Spanish Government Health Conference in Madrid last March, where a resolution was passed urging all European countries to adopt the program, and the WHO requested copies to be sent to all its European members.

Schenker is, naturally, delighted that his program has been so well received, both inside Israel and out. "I see it as Israel's opportunity to make a real contribution to the global war against AIDS," he says.

Hospital program helps seniors to stand straighter

HAIFA — At Fliman Geriatric Hospital in Haifa, patients who can barely stand literally are getting all shook up in treatment. But they have no complaints, because this new method of treatment is designed to leave them standing straighter and more firmly than before.

The method developed by Dr. Shraga Hocherman, a neurophysiologist at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology's Faculty of Medicine, and his former student, Dr. Ruth Dickstein, now head of the School of Physiotherapy at Netanya's Wingate Institute, involves the use of a moving platform in retraining the infirm to stand. The only prerequisite is the patient's ability to achieve a standing position.

Patients, including stroke and accident victims as well as sufferers of Parkinson's Disease, stand on the platform, which slowly begins to move back and forth. The patients find themselves naturally adjusting their bodies to maintain their footing.

As their ability to adjust improves, the movement of the platform gradually is increased. (Should patients lose their balance, attendants are at hand to steady them).

The impetus to develop this treatment grew out of a dissatisfaction on the part of Hocherman and Dickstein with the standard method of retraining the infirm to stand, which involves developing isolated groups of reflexes and muscles.

"We reasoned," Hocherman explains, "that standing is a function performed involuntarily. You don't need to think about what you're doing; the body does it instinctively." With this thinking, Hocherman and Dickstein developed the moving platform that is now producing impressive results with patients at Fliman Hospital.

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Discusses basic tenets of heritage

Fackenheim book a list of challenges for Jews

RABBI DOW MARMUR, senior rabbi of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, comments here on the newest book by Emil Fackenheim: What is Judaism? — An Interpretation for the Present Age. The book will be formally launched at Holy Blossom on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m.

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Emil Fackenheim is the most significant living Jewish thinker. As a professional philosopher he is able to ground his Jewish thinking in the larger context and give it a formulation acceptable to Jew and non-Jew alike. As a passionate Jew he has succeeded in speaking to the contemporary Jewish condition as it has been shaped by the experience of the Holocaust and the triumph of the State of Israel.

One reason why he is not recognized in Canada is because he has lived in this country for most of his life, first as a rabbi in Hamilton and then, for some 35 years, as a philosophy professor in Toronto. Hence, as Andrew H. Malcolm, the author of the best selling The Canadians, has so persuasively illustrated, since the man is Canadian, he is ignored in his own country, a manifestation of the proverbial Canadian inferiority complex.

A second reason why Emil Fackenheim has not received the recognition he deserves in Canada is because to read him — and to listen to him — requires an effort which few people are prepared to make. Although generations of students at the University of Toronto, where he taught until his retirement in 1983, testify to his brilliance as a teacher, nobody regards him as a popularizer.

Sept. 29 launch

However, Fackenheim has now written a book which may put him into the category of popular writer. His *What Is Judaism? — An Interpretation for the Present Age* (Summit Books, distributed in Canada by the General Publishing Company, $27.95) sets out to discuss the basic tenets of our heritage in terms of his thinking and from his own, at times autobiographical, perspective.

The book will be formally launched at Holy Blossom Temple on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. Although it may not be available in book stores until October, copies will be on sale at the launching and the author will be there to sign them. Members of the public are invited.

On that occasion Prof. Fackenheim will give a talk entitled "The Book I Wanted to Write for Fifty Years — and Finally Did." The opening words of the introduction tell us of the occasion that prompted the book — being jailed by the Nazis:

"There was a depressed silence in that jail cell in my home town of Halle, Germany, meant for at most six people but now crowded with 20-odd Jewish men. Then an older man spoke up. 'You Fackenheim! You are a student of Judaism. You know more about it than the rest of us here. You tell us what Judaism has to say to us now!' But I, then a rabbinical student aged 22, said nothing."

Such autobiographical snippets can be found throughout the book. It contains numerous references to the visit that Fackenheim and his wife Rose paid to the Soviet Union a decade ago and the impact that it had on them; how they celebrated their first Independence Day in Jerusalem; what they did when they visited Yahel, the first Reform Kibbutz in Israel, etc., etc.; we are even told what costume their son Yossi wore for Purim a few years ago.

Emil Fackenheim

These fragments are not intended to reflect self-indulgence but to illustrate Fackenheim's central theme in this book: that Jewish thought and Jewish life is primarily shaped by amcha, ordinary folk. Even allowing for the fact that he is guilty of a romantic view of East European Jewish life, so characteristic of some intellectuals who have been reared in the assimilated milieu of pre-World War II Germany Jewry, and notwithstanding the fact that few of those whom the book regards as crucial for Judaism — so-called people in the street — will actually read it, this thesis remains important and authentic for the enterprise of popularizing Jewish thought.

The authenticity is illustrated by frequent references to rabbinic sources arising out of Fackenheim's "lifelong affair with Midrash," the non-legalistic aspect of rabbinic literature. (There are also many references to chassidic tales but little indication as to where the author stands on mysticism in general, and the popular Jewish chassidic manifestation of it in particular).

Although the philosophy professor is respectful of Jewish law, he does not profess any expertise in the subject. Instead, he confines himself to the tales, parables and homilies that constitute the raw material of his theology.

The way in which Fackenheim at times interprets these Midrashim illustrates the way of Midrash itself; for his versions add new dimensions of meaning and thus continue the chain of tradition we call Torah.

Despite his romance with the past and his deference to Jewish law, Fackenheim remains a modernist, a man of our time. He is decidedly opposed to fundamentalism and highly critical of religious excesses. For all his disdain for the confusions of religious liberalism and the inconsistencies of Reform Judaism, he is firmly rooted in the liberal camp.

In fact, it is non-Orthodox Jews who have most to learn from him. Precisely because he is so respectful to Orthodoxy and, at the same time, so open to the religious dimension in so-called secular Judaism (notably the Israeli variety) he helps religious liberals out of the pitfalls of dogmatism by allowing for influences both from the "right" and the "left," from tradition and from modernity.

Ordinary people

When he speaks of amcha, he is also saying that liberal Judaism of whatever denominational label should get out of its self-imposed, often bourgeois, materialistic ivory tower, and seek to meet the spiritual needs of ordinary people. It is a message that neither Reform nor Conservative Judaism in Israel can fail to heed, if they want to make an impact in the Jewish state and distance themselves from manifestations of minimalist Diaspora Judaism.

The book is intended for Jews of any affiliation, or none. It is not the ordinary type of general introduction to Judaism that the non-Jewish market loves. You have to know something about Judaism, and to feel a lot about the Jewish pain and triumph of our age, to appreciate the book and to learn from it. Despite its simplicity and seeming informality, it places before the reader numerous serious challenges about existence and purpose.

Rather than a primer on Judaism, or a summary of the conclusions of a great thinker, it is a list of fundamental challenges to the Jew who wants to affirm his heritage but is unable to do so in the context of existing movements and ideologies.

It is the kind of book around which interested men and women could form study groups in an effort to understand what they are reading, and to respond to the writer (whose style in this book resembles more that of a popular speaker than of an academic philosopher.)

Fackenheim has written before about survival; this book is more about purpose. In the words of a Refusenik in Riga whom the Fackenheims visited in 1977: "We already know that it is our duty to survive as Jews, Jewish philosophy will tell us why." *What Is Judaism?* is, in this sense, a book of Jewish philosophy; it is made sufficiently simple so that amcha, Jewish lay men and women, can find out why they should remain Jews.

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Russian converts head to Israel

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

In recent years only two out of every ten Jews leaving the Soviet Union have been coming to Israel. The remainder drop out at Vienna and proceed, for the most part, to the U.S. There is one exception to this.

The descendants of Russian converts to Judaism, some of them third or fourth generation Jews, who succeed in getting out of Russia, come straight to Israel — all of them. There has not been a single case of dropout among the dozens who have reached this country, and all of them appear to have been absorbed and integrated successfully.

Indeed, the Jewish Agency and the immigration authorities here were at first suspicious. The documentation attesting to their Jewishness was fully satisfactory, but these immigrants were somehow different.

They did not complain, they had no demands, and they asked only for an opportunity to work hard at their trades, which included such occupations as farmers, carpenters, construction laborers and lumberjacks. All but the last have been accommodated.

The story of conversion to Judaism in Russia has been a fascinating one through the years. As far back as the 15th century there was a major Judaizing movement in that country, to an extent which disturbed the Czarist government, and resulted in a clampdown. The Judaizers returned in large numbers beginning in the 19th century, and despite persecution, the movement persisted.

Their ancestors were gradually recognized by the Jewish community, but the converts and their families continued to dwell in their own communities, sometimes practicing their faith in Marrano style, so as to avoid the prying eyes of their neighbors.

In the past decade or more, some of these Jews have begun to reach Israel. Ephraim Auerbach, a Jewish historian who himself came from Odessa, has declared that "their devotion to Judaism is almost fanatical, their Zionist enthusiasm overwhelming, and their aliyah to Israel, a messianic fulfilment of their aspirations."

Within the Soviet Union, their centre has been in and around the city of Voronezh, and some still show documents attesting that their ancestors were converted by the Gaon, the Jewish sage of that town.

Vassily Pravosodko, interviewed by Aharon Dolev in Maariv not long ago, has already been in Israel for twenty years. He recalled the hardships he had suffered in Russia, where his moujik neighbors had it in for him on two scores: one, that his family had converted to Judaism, and two, that he wanted to leave for Israel.

"I was considered a parasite because I didn't want to work on the Shabbat," he recalled. "Life is wonderful here."

Anatoly (today Yoel) Andreyanov grew up in Voronezh. As a child he paid little heed to the fact that Saturday was observed as the day of rest, Yom Kippur was a fast day, pork products were banned from the house, and that there were other strange customs. When he was 10 his grandfather revealed to him that the old man had himself been born a Jew, son of a convert.

In 1965 Andreyanov went to an agricultural exhibition in Kiev where the Israelis had a booth. There he met the late Yigal Allon, and told of his desire to go to Israel. Allon recommended that the young man acquire the proper rabbinical documentation to attest to his Jewishness, and he would take care of the rest, through the embassy.

The Six Day War, which followed, resulted in a break in diplomatic relations, and Andreyanov was subjected to a round of persecutions. He finally succeeded in getting out, and like the others who have come, persists in sending "invitations" to relatives still there, as required by Soviet procedure.

They have the names of at least 200 more, eager to come, and according to some reports, the number may even reach tens of thousands.

Russian "Judaizers" are not new in this country, and many of them were among the early settlers in the Galilee, their children having long since been absorbed into the Jewish population here. Their exploits are still recalled from time to time.

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Call for volunteers

New foundation to honor Righteous Christians

By
SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the early 1960s, Rabbi Harold Schulweis, then a Conservative rabbi in Oakland, Calif., came to know Herman "Fritz" Graebe, superintendent of a building in San Francisco, of meagre financial means, who had once been a prestigious engineer in Germany.

Graebe was assigned in August 1941 to manage a railroad engineering project for the Germans in the Ukraine. And there he witnessed the murder of nearly 1,500 Jews by Nazi extermination squads.

Graebe then engineered his greatest project: a rescue network that saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish refugees in a dozen Ukrainian cities and villages. For his rescue work, at tremendous personal risk, in which he organized the Jews into work squads, Graebe became known as "The Moses of Rovno."

He was the only German to volunteer to testify at the Nuremberg trials of war criminals. And for this he was hounded, his family taunted. His position taken from him, his money completely gone, Graebe came to America with his family in 1948.

That such a man should be forgotten by those he had rescued haunted Schulweis, who began to think about starting a foundation to help Righteous Gentiles. The ailing Graebe was "just one of many that I came across," Schulweis told JTA.

In 1962, Schulweis founded the Institute for Righteous Acts, whose archives were placed in the Judah Magnes Museum at Berkeley. "And not one rescuer of Jews wrote us," he said. Schulweis said he also received reports from individuals who had visited with Viktor Kugler, one of the people who hid the family of Anne Frank in Amsterdam. Kugler, who lived in Canada, was in dire economic and health straits.

And Schulweis began to hear stories, such as the one of Mother Maria of Paris, who was sent to a concentration camp, where she gave her identification papers to a Jewish woman, who survived because of them, while Mother Maria went to the gas chamber.

Almost all the rescuers he learned about were impoverished and forgotten. Many had been turned out of their communities for helping Jews. Schulweis's thoughts were then clear: "If a Christian risked his life to save a Jew, don't I as a Jew have an obligation to help him live out his life in dignity?"

Since 1981, Dr. Eva Fogelman has been director of the Rescuer Project at the City University of New York Graduate Center, which was initially sponsored by the John Slawson Fund of the American Jewish Committee. For the past 10 years, Fogelman, a social psychologist and psychotherapist, has been involved with research and therapy related to the impact of the Holocaust on survivors and their children.

Fogelman, who recently received her Ph.D. as a result of this work, told JTA that: "As a result of my research in this area, I have encountered many rescuers who were socially isolated because of the good deeds they had done for Jews during the Holocaust. Rescuers were attacked, some were killed after the war. We have information that rescuers were physically threatened and ostracized by their communities for being 'Jew-lovers.' And some continue to have fears until today."

And so Schulweis and Fogelman joined forces last year to bring this shame out of the closet. Together they worked on a bicoastal project, the Foundation to Sustain Righteous Christians. It has just been announced that the foundation will become a project of the International Center for Holocaust Studies of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

ADL's national director Abe Foxman told JTA, "There's a lesson, in that there is good and bad in all of us, and we must recognize both. If we are to survive as a people, it's to laud and applaud and use as examples people who did what is just and right. It's a fitting part of our institution. It's part of what we're all about."

The ADL has allotted close to $100,000 for the foundation, Foxman said. The foundation will have a full-time ADL administrator, Frank Reiss. Fogelman remains the foundation's director, Schulweis is founding and continuing chairman, and John Ruskay, who is vice chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America here, is foundation secretary.

And, said Fogelman, the foundation is seeking volunteers "who will befriend rescuers who are socially isolated, setting up speakers' bureaus, and recording the stories. We're also facilitating to help survivors write testimony to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem in order to get these rescuers recorded as Righteous Among the Nations."

Schlweis, now rabbi at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, a Los Angeles suburb, has written a letter to be sent to all rabbis of all divisions of Judaism to ask them to appeal from their pulpits on Rosh Hashanah for those who were rescued by Righteous Christians to come forward with their stories, and with the current whereabouts of those who survive.

Schulweis said the foundation has already received contributions from rabbis, as well as laymen from all over the world. The concept of helping the rescuers comes from the Jewish ethic, he explained: "hakarat hatov" — recognizing the good. This recognition of the rescuers "really provides an opportunity to relate differently to the world out there and to change an inner perception," he said.

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The spectacular view of Jerusalem seen from the new East Talpiot Promenade in Jerusalem.

Promenade's design strikes right balance

East Talpiot lures tourists

By
SHIMON BEN NOACH

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The East Talpiot "tayelet" (promenade), Jerusalem's newest tourist attraction which opened earlier this year, is attracting Israelis and visitors alike to see the splendid panorama of Jerusalem and the surrounding desert that the hilltop walkway commands.

"The designers of this promenade were confronted with a difficult task," explains Hillel Schocken, chief architect of the Jerusalem Foundation. "On the one hand they had to devise something simple so that it would not detract from or overshadow the view itself. Yet on the other hand they wanted to come up with a design that was very special. I think that they have got the balance right."

Schocken describes the promenade as "magnificent simplicity." It is a walkway about 400 yards long, paved and walled with that ubiquitous Jerusalem stone which enables it to harmonize with the hillside. Black lamposts provide night lighting and there are steps down to the hillside leading to the JNF's Peace Forest. Viewed from a distance, the arches supporting the promenade lend it the appearance of an aqueduct.

The promenade was designed by leading American architect Laurence Halperin, with the help of local Jerusalem architect Shlomo Aronson. The Jerusalem Foundation organized the project, which was funded by the Hass family of San Francisco who donated the $3 million that the walkway cost to complete.

The East Talpiot Promenade is one of the two most spectacular views that Jerusalem has to offer. From the Mount of Olives-Mount Scopus ridge to the north of the city, the visitor has a better view of the Old City itself. But East Talpiot, to the south of the city, affords the eye a broader sweep of the old and new cities, and the valleys and hills surrounding them. In the clearer, less hazy light of winter there is also a spectacular view of the Jordan Valley and the mountains of Gilead beyond.

It was on this strategically high hill, a little beyond the eastern end of the new promenade, that, following the granting to them of the Mandate over Palestine in 1920, the British built their High Commisioner's Residence, known in Hebrew as Armon Hanatziv. Today the building is occupied by the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

It is appropriate that the promenade will be opened on the anniversary of the city's reunification. Visitors to the walkway, Arab and Jew alike, will be able to witness the beauty of the united city. At the same time the Hass Promenade links Old Talpiot with the new neighborhood of East Talpiot.

Indeed as part of this project, the Jerusalem Foundation has invested in a park at the entrance to East Talpiot so that the suburb's 20,000 inhabitants can enjoy a leisurely stroll from their homes into the new park and onto the "tayelet." The project also includes a number of shops and cafes, which will be opening shortly.

The Hass section of the promenade is the first and middle of three stages of the walkway. Eventually it will sweep around the northwest beneath Abu Tor. While at its eastern end it will continue to the Bedouin restaurant of Mishkenot Haroim. At present there is no budget for commencing the next stages of the promenade.

On a Shabbat it is packed with hundreds of Israeli sightseers, while slowly but surely the tourist buses are putting the site on their itineraries. So at last Jerusalem has a promenade. True, the promenade does not offer a sea view but few would argue that the view is any less attractive.

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15 years in the making

Proposed Criminal Code aims at curing defects

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Fifteen years of research, debate and philosophical probing culminated in the release last year of a draft Criminal Code, the Law Reform Commission's most far-reaching analysis of contemporary criminal issues, the organization's recently released annual report stated.

Reviewing the 1985-86 fiscal year, the annual report also noted that the Commission continued to author reports and analyses that were cited "in at least 120" court judgments over the years.

The proposed Criminal Code contains the sum total of 15 years research, the purpose of which is to give Canada "a new Code that reflects its own national character and special identity, expressing rational and just principles."

The proposed Code is meant to cure the defects in the existing criminal law by stating fully the aims and principles governing it and building on general principles with specific offences that put the principles into effect, the report states.

The proposed Code is written in clear language to make it accessible to the layman. The result is a draft code that is "modern, logical, clear, coherent and comprehensive, reflecting the fundamental values of humanity, freedom and justice inherent in Canadian society," the annual report states.

Reviewing the work of the Commission, the annual report states 12 of 28 Commission reports have been enacted — at least in part — by Parliament. Some of these include ongoing changes to existing criminal law, such as authorizing pre-trial conferences to speed up the court process, and matters relating to search and seizure.

The Commission's mandate is to review all federal laws and to make recommendations on how to improve them.

The 1985 federal Divorce Act was "inspired in part by one of (the Commission's) early reports on family law, the report states. The legislation to a large extent "incorporates (our) recommendations on no fault divorce, encouraging mediation to settle disputes and the equitable distribution of property" on marriage breakdown.

The report also noted that the Deschenes Commission investigating Nazi war criminals studied the LRC's working paper on extraterritorial jurisdiction, which considered the question whether Canada has jurisdiction to prosecute someone for crimes committed abroad.

Other LRC reports now in process include those on the interaction between aboriginal rights and environmental law, a study on biotechnology as well as ongoing study to "demystify" the "gobbledegook" of government forms by suggesting to agencies they print them in language anyone can understand.

Meanwhile, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the governing body of Ontario's lawyers, released its annual report in which treasurer Arthur Scace said the society continues to oppose establishment of a national insurance program.

A special committee of the Law Society was established in May 1986 to consider the Slater report of the Ontario task force on insurance, which recommended major changes to the tort system of civil liability.

The Law Society opposes the task force's recommendation that the Ontario government consider elimination of the resort to tort litigation for personal injury compensation resulting from auto accidents, to be replaced eventually with a universal disability compensation plan.

Such a recommendation "may affect profoundly the services lawyers are able to provide to members of the public and the constraints within which they would have to work," the annual report states.

"The Society is of the view that the present tort reparation system in Ontario has worked well in providing fair and adequate compensation for accident victims," the report added.

The Society recommended that the government study no fault compensation before acting on the recommendations of the task force.

The annual report noted also that the unauthorized practice committee of the Society examined the growth of paralegal services and reported to government that "unsupervised persons cannot provide service of adequate quality in such areas as family law, estates, corporate, immigration or criminal law nor in serious highway traffic matters when a jail term may result."

The committee recommended that paralegals be regulated to perform duties in minor provincial and municipal motor vehicle offences and in some administrative tribunals.

According to the report, the annual fee charge for members of the Society for the 1986-87 will remain at $935, with an anticipated 17,800 paid-up members.

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Rising Israel tennis star Amos Mansdorf during the Israel Tennis Tournament at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre in April.

Tennis came of age in Israel this year

By
SHIMON BEN NOACH

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — As usual there were three sports — tennis, basketball and soccer — that dominated the sporting pages of Israel's newspapers during the past year. The tennis headlines spoke of historic victories, while basketball and soccer offered a more mixed bag of fortunes with remarkable triumphs and miserable defeats.

In sporting terms 5747 was above all else the year that Israeli tennis came of age. The year began with an historic Davis Cup victory in Switzerland as Israeli tennis stars Shlomo Glickstein and Amos Mansdorf won the final tie in their European Zone. This meant that Israel was promoted to the World Zone of the Davis Cup and — on paper at least — joined the top 16 tennis nations in the world.

Israel's time in the vaulted top 16 was expected to be shortlived. The pundits had already written Israel's obituary after being drawn away to Czechoslovakia, probably the world's most powerful tennis nation after Sweden.

But, sensationally, David did slay Goliath. True, Ivan Lendl, the world's No. 1 racket, did not play. But Miloslav Mecir, ranked 6th in the world, did play and was soundly beaten by Amos Mansdorf, who won both his matches while a Shlomo Glickstein victory gave Israel a 3-2 win in the overall tie.

In the quarter finals Israel was drawn against India. The tie embarrassed the Indian government, which maintains few contacts with Israel, but rather than forfeit the match the Indians reluctantly agreed to stage the tie on the grass courts of Delhi.

Israel's Davis Cup success stemmed from the fact that the country now has more than one player of international stature. For years Shlomo Glickstein was Israel's sole tennis ace, reaching 29th rank in his heyday.

Now Israel has two more stars: Amos Mansdorf at 22 has reached the rank of 30 in the world with many outstanding victories and several major tournament titles under his belt and Gilad Bloom at 19 has soared to the 120 spot and will soon break into the top 100. Mansdorf and Bloom are both products of the Israel Tennis Centre's program which has brought the sport to tens of thousands of youngsters, many from disadvantaged homes.

Glickstein himself has slipped to a lowly 336th in the world. This is not an accurate evaluation of his talents but reflects the fact that he has virtually retired from the tournament circuit. At Wimbledon this year he was given a special award by the International Tennis Federation in recognition of his service to tennis.

The only cloud on Israel's tennis horizon was the acknowledgment that Shahar Perkis, until recently a rising star, might have to quit serious international competition because of a heart condition.

There were also significant successes in Israeli basketball, though there was a Jekyll and Hyde quality to the game of the country's perennial champions Maccabi Tel Aviv. After losing four of their first five games in the European final pool, they won their last five games in succession with some scintillating play to reach the European Cup Final. But they failed to beat Italian hoopsters Tracer Milan, giving a disappointing performance.

The Israeli national squad was just as disappointing in the European championships, and Zvi Scherf stepped down as coach of both Maccabi Tel Aviv and the national squad. Another shock was Mickey Berkowitz's retirement from international basketball as well as that of captain Lou Silver, though Berkowitz later agreed to return to the national squad.

There will be fewer big stars too on Israel's football fields. Maccabi Tel Aviv's Avi Cohen signed for Glasgow Rangers and Betar Jerusalem striker Eli Ohana signed for Mechlin, a Belgian team.

The tragic death of Maccabi Haifa's goalkeeper Avi Ran whilst holidaying with his team at Lake Kinneret, was mourned by football fans up and down the country.

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WJC documents Waldheim's record

Kurt Waldheim

NEW YORK — The sordid record of Kurt Waldheim's Nazi past — concealed for more than 40 years — is summarized and set forth in a published report released here by the chairman of the United States Section of the World Jewish Congress, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman.

"This is a chronicle of the deceit, the shamelessness, and the heinous activities of the man who was UN secretary-general," said Kelman.

Supported by rare wartime photographs and excerpts from original archival documentation, the report is the product of an 18-month investigation by the WJC.

The report chronicles the stream of disclosures about Waldheim's wartime record beginning with the initial exposure of his Nazi background in March of 1986 and culminating in April of this year with the findings of the U.S. justice department that he had engaged in acts of "persecution during World War II."

The revelations originate with exposure of Waldheim's "big lie" — that he was discharged from the German armed forces in 1941 — and range through a series of ever-more startling findings" which include those from 1948 of the UN War Crimes Commission showing his involvement in numerous massacres of civilians in Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia, Kelman said.

The UN Commission's long-secret criminal file on Waldheim is among the published documents; that file calls for Waldheim's arrest and trial for "murder" and "putting hostages to death" as a Nazi intelligence officer.

Waldheim's repeated denials that he was a Nazi intelligence officer are shattered by publication in the report of a captured German war document which explicitly identifies him in his intelligence capacity with responsibility for "prisoner interrogation" and "special tasks."

Documents originating from archival sources in a dozen countries were used in compiling the published material. An Austrian document, a 1940 court application bearing Waldheim's name and photograph, shows his membership in the prewar Nazi stormtroopers (the "Brownshirts") and the Nazi student union.

To this day, Waldheim flatly denies membership in any pre-war Nazi organizations and issues protestations of a firm "anti-Nazi background."

From United States archives, investigators turned up a postwar U.S. Army "Wanted List" containing Waldheim's name. As published in the report, the Wanted List contains a 1-word entry in the column labeled reason wanted: "murder."

West Germany was the source of a secret Nazi war document from 1943 which records a briefing by Waldheim on arrangements for the deportation of tens of thousands of Italian soldiers to German forced labor camps after Italy surrendered to the Allies in 1943. This published document was personally initialed by Waldheim and bears his typewritten name.

Yugoslavia was the source of several published documents including Waldheim's citation as a member of the "command staff" of the German unit that executed the "Kozara massacres" — a Nazi atrocity in 1942 which resulted in the deportation of 68,000 Yugoslavs to concentration camps.

The 1947 dossier on Waldheim of the Yugoslav War Crimes Commission which brands him a "war criminal" responsible for "murders and slaughters" is reproduced.

The report says Waldheim's election as president of Austria violates the country's State Treaty — its most important constitutional document — because of treaty clauses barring any ex-Nazi from membership in the armed forces.

Waldheim became commander-in-chief of the Austrian armed forces on becoming president. The government of France, Britain and the United States have been asked to intervene with Vienna on the treaty violations by a French senator, a British member of Parliament, and a U.S. congressman.

In all, there are 59 separate entries in the report which summarize in a chronological format the major disclosures associated with the "Waldheim affair." Rabbi Kelman noted that "what emerges as shocking is not only Waldheim's reprehensible past but his continuing lies to cover it up."

Entitled Waldheim's Nazi Past: Chronology of the Revelations, the report is available from the WJC International Department of Information, One Park Ave., New York 10016 (single copy price $5).

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Backbone of CBS' 60 Minutes

Mike Wallace shares thoughts on being Jewish

RUTH BAUM BIGUS, managing editor of the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, recently interviewed CBS-TV's Mike Wallace of 60 Minutes on a variety of subjects including his Jewishness.

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KANSAS CITY (JTA) — CBS-TV news reporter Mike Wallace dismisses the suggestion that "because of some of the pieces that I have done, that I was a self-hating Jew...That's asinine!"

The backbone of the award winning CBS 60 Minutes television program for the past 18 years, Wallace, at age 69, is still asking the tough and oftentimes controversial questions. Recently Wallace reversed roles, sharing some of his thoughts about his Jewish identity and what role it has played in his news-reporting career.

Wallace grew up in Brookline, Mass., son of Russian-Jewish immigrants. He was confirmed in a Reform congregation, but did not become bar mitzvahed.

Today, Wallace describes himself as an assimilated Jew who seldom goes to services but who is proud of his Jewish heritage. "I am simply Jewish," he said. He explained that "I suppose it means, but it is not necessarily exclusively Jewish, (that) my religion, if you want to call it that, is the Golden Rule — do unto others — and I don't find that difficult to reconcile with my Jewishness."

Proud of heritage

The newsman said he feels his heritage, "but when I say that I am assimilated, my wife is not (Jewish)...Most of my friends are (Jewish), both professional and personal, but I don't seek them out for that reason."

During his long career, Wallace has interviewed and, at times, interrogated numerous renowned figures, including former Israel Premier Menachem Begin, Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat, Knesset member Rabbi Meir Kahane and Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, barred from entering the United States for his alleged Nazi connections.

Wallace has also explored some of the more controversial issues and events of our time, including a 60 Minutes segment titled "Soviet Jews." He did receive some letters and a few angry phone calls about the segment, but all in all, Wallace said there was little audience reaction.

He attributes that light response to the fact that the Soviet policy of "glasnost" went into effect during this time with the number of Soviet Jews being released hitting a several-year high.

A little over four years ago Wallace won a Emmy for a "60 Minutes" piece titled "The Nazi Connection," detailing the secret story of how the United States helped Nazi war criminals avoid prosecution and settle here. He feels the segment heightened awareness about the war criminal situation.

With that segment in mind, Wallace has watched the recent turn of events involving Waldheim with interest. "He lied about what he did during World War II," remarked Wallace. "When a man is in a position of political and moral authority, like Kurt Waldheim, he is indeed fair game...I don't think there is any witch-hunting going on."

When asked by the Chronicle if his Jewish background overclouds his reporting, he firmly answered no. I'm a professional, and I've been doing it for a long time, and I can very easily separate my own convictions from my professional reportage," he said.

Wallace said he does his utmost to see to it that his own opinions never enter the stories he covers, but he admits to having strong opinions on certain things. He interviewed Anne Henderson Pollard, the wife of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard and herself serving time for assisting her husband in his spying activities.

While trying to present an objective piece on her, Wallace made no bones about how he felt about the Pollards' actions, saying they were wrong. "You simply do not spy...you surely don't spy on your own country for what you perceive as your politics," he said.

While appearing at times to attack his interviewees, he finds himself coming under attack himself from time to time for his controversial pieces. It is something the veteran broadcaster has learned to live with.

It is a fact that there are pressure groups of all kinds on all manner of subjects who get angry when you do a piece in a way that they find less to their taste...so they write," he added.

Wallace keeps busy traveling all around the world preparing 60 Minutes segments. Asked if he ever tires of the day-to-day grind, he said the traveling is tough but he loves what he is doing.

And, apparently, the news bug runs in the family. Wallace's son, Chris Wallace, works for NBC-TV News as the White House correspondent and, just recently, the younger Wallace became host of NBC's Meet the Press program.

"I think Chris is a first-rate reporter...I sit there and watch with pride," Wallace said.

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Zoo, adventure trail in Jerusalem

Biblical Park to be city's largest "playground"

By
YEHONATHAN TOMMER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The Jewish National Fund and the Jerusalem municipality are jointly creating a 750-acre biblical park which by the year 2000 will provide residents of the capital's southwestern suburbs with a myriad of family recreation opportunities.

The park will combine modern sports, a walk-in zoological garden, a Disney-style children's adventure trail featuring biblical motifs including the parting of the Red Sea, Jonah and the whale and Elijah's flaming chariot, with four archeological museum workshops highlighting Canaanite and Israelite forms of agriculture, farm equipment, pottery and metal crafts.

Jerusalem's Biblical Park will be located in the semi-rural Refayim Valley where King David fought the Philistines. Like the fingers of an otustretched hand, planted woodlands will ring extensive grassy spaces modelled on Manhattan's Central Park, connecting wadis and natural waterways along the foothills of Gilo with Kiryat Hayovel, Ir Ganim and Katamon.

"When completed, the biblical park will be the city's largest metropolitan playground, designed to meet the capital's steadily expanding leisure time needs," says Nathan Sass, director of JNF afforestation for the central and Judean hills region.

The Jerusalem Biblical Park is a key element in the municipality's suburban development master plan in this part of the city, which includes the construction of a regional shopping mall, boating lake, international football stadium and a physical fitness gym for soldiers and the war disabled.

Tournament tennis courts and a youth sporting centre are already operating in the Katamon and Malcha suburbs and these will be enclosed by a belt of greenery.

An innovative attraction for visitors to Jerusalem's Biblical Park is the archeological museum and workshops planned at Ein Ya'el, the site of a 16th century Byzantine public bath being currently excavated. Two workshops (weaving and pottery) are already operational and are designed to help revive the ancient crafts of the period. The metallurgy and building workshops will be established later.

Ein Ya'el, also known by its Arab name Ein Yalo (fresh springs), is located in the heartland of a fertile farming valley, famous for its wines and olive oils. A recreational park, laced with historic foot paths and modern picnic facilities, is projected for the restored site, tiled with a beautiful mosaic floor.—

Ein Ya'el adjoins a former Canaanite farming village, several of whose houses have been uncovered virtually intact, dating from the period 2000 BCE. Visitors to the archeological museum will be able to spend a day or longer participating in planting, attending or harvesting terrace-cultivated crops, cooking, archery training and many of the other varied daily activities of their forefathers.

An area of some 12 acres has been pegged across the wadi from Ein Ya'el as the home of Jerusalem's new zoological garden, to be exclusively inhabited by birds and animals recorded in the Bible. The new site will replace Jerusalem's cramped 4-acre plot in Romema on the capital's northwestern periphery.

The Jewish National Fund recently completed a major resettlement operation when it transplanted some 1,000 olive trees aged between 100 and 200 years from Upper Galilee to the Refayim Valley as part of the preparatory scenic landscaping along the projected boundary of the new Biblical Zoo.

The zoo will accommodate, in its significantly expanded grounds, specialized animal exhibits and vantage observation points an educational centre including class rooms and a "zoolab" to help visitors understand the dynamic interaction between the human and animal ecosystems.

There will also be a children's zoo to enable youngsters to interact with domesticated animals and a range of open-air outdoor exhibits in controlled climatic conditions and artificially recreated natural surroundings.

The facility will also feature a veterinary hospital with quarantine quarters, and a visitors' orientation centre equipped with an information booth, car parks, administration offices, snack bars and a restaurant.

Jerusalem's Biblical Park is sure to become an important city attraction Topographical surveys have been completed and initial rock blasting has begun for a major road connecting western Gilo to Kiryat Hayovel via a new suburb, Givat Massua, overlookinng the planned Biblical Zoo.

Eventually the Biblical Park will be a central link in the capital's southern forest crown between the Peace Forest on the east and the Jerusalem Forest at Mount Herzl on the west.

Visiting the site of a 16th century Byzantine public bath currently being excavated at Ein Ya'el — part of the planned Jerusalem Biblical Park.

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Israeli fans cheer for baseball teams

By
JEREMY KESSLER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Knuckleballs, screwballs and grand-slams are not easily translated into the Israeli patois, for baseball is as foreign to Israel as apple pie. Yet Jerusalem has witnessed a game that was so exciting that it had the spectators roaring in the stands.

Under the patronage of Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek, who pitched the first ball, a veritable United Nations met at the YMCA sportsground in Jerusalem for an exhibition game.

Representing teams with names like the Sharon Valley All Stars, the Herzliya Bears and the Jerusalem Shleppers, players from as diverse backgrounds as Ethiopia, the USSR, America, Israel, South Africa, Romania and Argentina, all got together to take part in that great American ritual — baseball.

The Israel-American Baseball Corp. (a non-profit organization), which so far has a league of 14 teams and over 200 youths aged 8-14, is the brainchild of Texan, Randy Khan, 27, and his father Leonard, a retired attorney now living in Israel. Its aim is to use baseball as a vehicle to promote cooperation and understanding amongst youth in Israel.

Randy's inspiration came while visiting his sister on Moshav Beit Yitzhak in 1985. He brought along with him a couple of balls and gloves for the benefit of his nephews and in no time had all the moshav kids wildly enthusiastic about the game. Soccer and basketball, the two staples of the Israeli sporting diet, are games of constant motion and contact.

Baseball calls for thought and is not a contact sport. Randy's feeling was that the teamwork and understanding called for in baseball could introduce these elements into this troubled Middle East — quite an achievement if it were possible.

Thirteen-year-old Zvi Saguy, an Ethiopian oleh who arrived in Israel two years ago in Operation Moses, is a star pitcher, one of many talented and dedicated Ethiopian players. Apparently they served their apprenticeship in Ethiopia, where they played a stickball game and were occasionally called on to help defend their villages in times of trouble by arming themselves with stones.

The Tira Tigers is made up of seven boys from the Arab village of Tira and seven Jewish boys from Kibbutz Ramot Hakovesh, whilst most other teams are liberally sprinkled with kids from American or Canadian backgrounds. This diverse mixture already shows great teamwork and deep understanding. Randy is delighted with the progress already made.

Setting up such a league, which already consists of 14 teams is a difficult and complex task. Apart from intense dedication and limitless hours of work, it also needs money.

Randy has been fortunate in getting help from many diverse sources. Some donated funds, others equipment. Everything has helped.

Not everything has been clear sailing. Randy has also had the dubious pleasure of encountering the fabled Israeli bureaucracy. It is obviously not an easy task explaining to customs men why equipment for a fledgling sport should not be taxed!

Persuading municipalities to show an interest and support the sport has also been a time consuming task, although Randy feels that he is beginning to have some success. Mayor Kollek's sponsorship of the exhibition game is proof of that.

Randy and Leonard feel that the potential for baseball in Israel is tremendous. It will break down barriers and improve relations between youth in Israel from every type of background, and of course, it is good, clean fun. Plans for the future are not modest.

Randy is aiming at having an Israeli baseball team at the 1992 Olympics, "and the kids in this league will be the players on Israel's team," he says. Randy does not think competing is in any way unrealistic.

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Israeli Arab gets Israel Prize for the first time

By
SUSAN BASS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Three of Israel's leading actors recently received the prestigious Israel Prize for Theatre, Film and Television. Makram Khoury, the first Israeli Arab ever to receive the Israel Prize, is one of them.

Khoury, who has appeared in countless television, stage and film productions, said at the prize-giving ceremony: "I am thrilled, but also a bit apprehensive, to be awarded the Israel Prize so early in my career." Yet he believes and hopes that his award will help break down the psychological barriers between Jews and Arabs in Israel.

The prize committee noted, "In his excellent artistic work, and in his personal modesty, Makram Khoury is, despite his youth, one of the most outstanding actors in Israel. He is a sensitive creator, rich in expression, and an actor of exceptional character."

The son of a lawyer and a teacher, Khoury was born 42 years ago in Jerusalem, and as a young child moved with his family to Acre. He recalls growing up in Acre in the 1950s, and his passion for American adventure movies. He and his friends invented Arabic nicknames for their favorite actors. Tony Curtis — the Jewish boy from the Bronx — became his idol.

While Khoury was in high school, the movie Exodus was filmed in Acre. He played hooky from school in order to hang around the set, hoping to speak with Sal Mineo and Paul Newman. The making of the film Exodus strengthened young Khoury's already growing determination to become an actor.

After attending Terra Sancta College in Acre, Khoury moved to Jerusalem. There he met Jacqueline Cronenberg, who was to have a profound influence on him during the two years he spent studying with her in Theatre HaMaagal.

Recently arrived from the United States, Cronenberg brought to Israel the techniques developed in Chicago's Second City. Khoury describes her workshop in theatre games and improvizations as "the best learning experience" he could have had.

Ruth Dayan, head of a fund to help educate young Israeli Arabs, encouraged Khoury to pursue his goal of completing his theatre studies in London. In 1970, he left for England with $250 in his pocket, and with high hopes — soon realized — of passing the entrance audition to London's Mount View Theatre School.

He found work as a waiter in the evenings, and attended school during the day. The first few months of 18-hour days left him discouraged and exhausted, but he was too proud to approach his family for help. In his desperation he turned to Ruth Dayan for help.

She responded immediately, introducing Khoury to a woman who would have a deep impact on his life: Clara Rosenberg Urkhartt, a human rights activist with close ties to Albert Schweitzer. A small, seemingly ageless woman, Urkhartt served as patron to several young artists, paying their tuition fees and treating them as family.

Urkhartt brought Khoury into her circle of young artists. She provided tickets for him to go to the theatre, and thoughtful colleagues with whom to discuss what he saw. At her home he met many African leaders, which encouraged him to strive for openness and tolerance toward others.

Khoury recalls Urkhartt as "a person full of love and dignity . . . a light radiated from her face." When after three years the time came to decide whether to stay in England or to return to Israel, she offered to help Khoury to remain in England. But she advised him, "Makram, your place is back home." "You know," he reflects, "she was right."

The Israel Prize for Theatre, Film and Television was awarded this year to (from left) Miriam Zohar, Leah Koenig and Makram Khoury.

Upon his return to Israel in 1973, Khoury worked at the Cameri Theatre in Tel Aviv. Two years later, he joined the Haifa Municipal Theatre, where he continues to perform today. He lives in Haifa with his wife, Wadia, and with their three children, Clara, Ruella and Jamil.

Khoury has undertaken a variety of roles on television and in movies. Typically, he may work on a television or film production during the day, and perform on stage the same evening. He works in three languages: Hebrew, Arabic and English.

Among his many theatre roles, Khoury has acted in the plays Tiger at the Gate, Galileo Galilee, The Chosen, Joker, Waiting for Godot, Antigone, and The Island. He has represented Israel at the Kennedy Centre in Washington and throughout Europe. Khoury says he most enjoyed the role of Hector in Tiger at the Gate — a war hero, who devoted his life to fighting for peace.

In 1984, Khoury won Israel's Oscar for best supporting actor for his portrayal of an Israeli military governor in the administered territories in the film Smile of the Lamb. The same year, he received the Kinor David award for the year's best theatre performance.

He prepares himself for each new role by making a list of his own personality traits and those of the character he is to portray. As he notes conflicting traits, he makes compromises and the character which emerges represents the personality he will attempt to create.

In undertaking a rich variety of roles, Khoury has come to the conclusion that his task as an actor always remains basically the same. "The first rule of acting is to dispense with overly dramatic gestures, and to actually live the moment, to play it for truth." This rule, he notes, applies not only to acting, but to all of life.

As an Israeli Arab, Khoury moves between two worlds and perhaps represents an emerging synthesis between them. A man who is thoughtfully reflective, yet quick to smile, Khoury notes that "one of the absolutes of being an Israeli Arab is that you are a go-between all the time, sometimes accepted, sometimes not."

Yet he believes that psychological barriers are beginning to break down, and that eventually Israel's Arab citizens will achieve full equality. Khoury views his Israel Prize as perhaps one step in this lengthy process.

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A recreation of painter Reuven Rubin's study on the third floor of Reuven Rubin House in Tel Aviv.

Museum recalls Reuven Rubin

Pioneer artist remembered

By
CAROL NOVIS

TEL AVIV (WZPS) — Rehov Bialik, just off bustling Allenby St. in the heart of Tel Aviv, is one of the city's most charming and historic streets. Here, the famous poet Chaim Nahman Bialik, for whom the street is named, lived in a building which today is a musuem housing the works of Reuven Rubin, probably Israel's most extrovert of pioneer artists.

Carmella Rubin, his daughter-in-law, has been the curator of Rubin House, where Reuven Rubin also lived, since it was opened to the public as a museum two years ago. "It's impossible to recapture the atmosphere that the house once had," she said. "Rubin had an exceptional aesthetic sense."

Nevertheless, a painstaking attempt has been made to recreate the house and life of the painter exactly as it was until Rubin's death in 1974.

When Rubin died, he bequeathed the house and 45 major pictures to the city of Tel Aviv. Other paintings and drawings were subsequently donated to the musuem, including a large collection owned by his friend Arthur Rubinstein. A broad selection of works are now hung on the walls of two ground floor rooms.

Here the visitor will find some of Rubin's best known pictures, including the ecstatic Blue Rooster and his 1950 tour de force Seder in Jerusalem. This mystic picture depicts a galaxy of Israeli characters — a man in biblical garb, a Bukharen, a Yemenite family, an Eastern European rabbi, a Palmach soldier — gathered around a Passover table, with a vision of Jerusalem on view through an open window.

Since this was a period of austerity, there isn't a great deal of food to be seen, but Rubin himself, in a contemplative mood, presides over the Passover ritual with his son at his side.

Rubin was the most fervent of early Zionists and his 1922 self-portrait, also found in the ground floor gallery, shows his devotion to the land. In this picture, he appears as a sunburned pioneer, holding a fragile flower in one hand and a clutch of paint brushes in the other, against a background of shacks and tents on the Jaffa sands. He himself lived and painted in a tent at the time.

Frequently, temporary exhibitions are held at Rubin House. One recent exhibition entitled 60 Years Later, showed the works of the "modernists," the pioneer artists of the 20s who exhibited at the Ohel Theatre in Tel Aviv. They aimed to express the day to day reality of life in Palestine, often in a Rousseau type, naive, primitive style. These artists included, as well as Rubin, Yosef Zaritsky, Siona Tagger and Nahum Gutman.

The second floor of Rubin House features an extensive reading room and exhibition of artifacts relating to Rubin's life and times. Rubin's studio has been recreated on the third floor of the house exactly as he left it, and a small theatre has been arranged where visitors can watch a 12-minute biographical audio-visual film.

Rubin loved to paint symbols of life reborn in the holy land, such as goats, doves and olive trees. All these things were as different as possible from his life as "Revile" Zelicovici, one of 13 children of an impoverished family in Romania. His father was a devout synagogue cantor and beadle who had no thought of providing his children with a secular, let alone an artistic, education.

Rubin recalls in his autobiography that he first discovered the joys of art at age 3 when he scratched a recognizable picture of his religious school teacher on a plastered brick. When he was 17, possessing a few tubes of paint but no brushes he painted a masterly portrait of his grandfather using only his fingers. His family was slow to recognize his talent. For years, his mother used his sketches to wrap up the family's cheese and butter.

In 1912, when he was 19, Rubin scraped together enough money to come to Jerusalem to study at the Bezalel Art School, but he left for Paris a year later in disgust at what he saw as the narrow academic style of instruction at the school.

When World War I broke out, Rubin was forced to leave Paris. He spent time in Italy, lived for three years in Romania, and then went to the United States. His first New York exhibition was sponsored by American pioneer photographer Alfred Steiglitz in 1921, and by 1922 he was back in Israel for good. He was an immediate local success and gradually became an international success as well.

The English art critic Eric Newton wrote in 1957, "What distinguishes Rubin from other painters is his feeling for the human activity that springs from the soil of Israel. The landscapes have warmth, but the figure paintings have more than that; they have passion."

Rubin married late in life and by all accounts lived happily. He met his wife Esther on a boat trip from New York to Israel. She had won the trip as a prize in a writing contest on the topic "What Palestine means to American Jewish youth."

Forbidden by her parents to talk to strange men, she was shocked when what she later described as "a wild man" walked up to her and informed her that he wanted to marry her. A year later they were married. Esther, with her luminous green eyes, frequently appears in Rubin's paintings.

Rubin's career as a painter and occasional set designer took a turn in 1948 when, after the State of Israel was declared, Ben-Gurion asked him to serve as Israel's first ambassador to Romania. The story goes that an astonished Rubin asked, "What do I know about being an ambassador?" Shrugged Ben-Gurion, "So what do I know about being a Prime Minister?"

Rubin was a gregarious man who loved theatre and music and his homes in Tel Aviv and Caesarea were a centre for all bohemia. Tel Aviv, Israel's first large Jewish city, with its pioneering, adventurous spirit was his special, but not only, love.

He wrote, "Here in Jerusalem, in Tel Aviv, in Haifa and in Tiberias, I feel myself reborn; here life and nature are born . . . all is sunshine, clear, light and happy creative work. To paint is to sing," he said and his joyous nature sang all his life.

Today, his pictures sometimes seem like recreations of a happier, more innocent time, recapturing the life and spirit of the Jewish state. In 1926 his friend Bialik wrote, "Whoever wants to see Eretz Israel, the land and what comes with it in its supreme purity, let him turn to the creations of Rubin." Those creations can be seen in full splendor today at Rubin House.

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Fastest growing industry

Israeli fashions prove popular at home, abroad

Two of Israeli designer Alon Bar Gil's recent creations, set off with exaggeratedly wide black belts.

By
SARAH SCHACHTER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The traditionally Jewish garment trade has revived in Israel in recent years and fashion has become one of the country's fastest growing industries.

Last year, Israel exported 476 million dollars worth of fashion goods, including underwear, knitwear, sportswear, swimsuits, leatherwear and furs, with Britain the largest purchaser of Israeli goods, followed by the United States and West Germany.

Israeli fashions compete successfully with international designer labels in major retail houses, such as Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales, and Macy's in the U.S.; Marks and Spencer, Dickens and Jones, and Harrods in England; and Otto Versand, Hertie, and Heinrich Heine in West Germany.

Israel's unique trade agreements, which exempt Israeli goods from duties in the U.S. and from quota limitations in Europe, have attracted foreign buyers seeking quality merchandise and investors seeking a useful export base.

"Israeli designers move rapidly with the beat of international fashion trends," declared Chana Weiss, director of the Textile Division of Israel's ministry of industry.

Like their counterparts the world over, Israeli designers receive fashion predictions seasons in advance from international forecasting houses. But all designers are influenced by their environment.

"Israel's visual elements: the brilliant sunshine, the varied landscape of seas and deserts, the folklore, plus a population originating from so many countries; all of these will obviously inspire striking designs," said Terry Kavanagh, former director of the department of textile and fashion design at the Shenkar College of Textile technology and Fashion.

"We cannot compete with the low cost of labor in the Far East," said Weiss, "but we are definitely on a par with European costs. The label Made in Israel has become a symbol of high quality fashion at a competitive price."

The silhouette this past year has become more fitted, closer to the boy, reflecting the continued emphasis on physical fitness. The nautical look — navy and white stripes and dots — was fashionable this past year, with the occasional addition of red stripes on the sides of the garment. The Russian look was also in, with Russian letters used in prints, and with blended greys, browns and blacks — a look influenced by the recent Gorbachev-Reagan meetings.

Romantic dresses are popular, with cinched waists and petticoats, sometimes strapless, made of crinolines, lace and peplum and adorned with checks or miniature floral prints. "There was a time when pants ruled the market, and you couldn't sell a skirt or dress," recalled Israel Baruch, third generation owner of Niba sportswear manufacturers.

"Women today have realized they can be both feminist and feminine."

On the local Israeli market, there are only two seasons — autumn/winter and spring/summer, and cotton is a year-round fabric. Even in the winter, sweatshirt material made of a polyester-cotton blend is used for fashion garments. Colorful prints and bright solids do well here.

"Even if pastels are in, the vogue lasts only a short time. Israelis love to wear bright colors," Baruch said. "Maybe it's because of the light, or maybe it's because life in this country can be such a struggle, people need vivid clothes to raise their spirits," He added that there is one look that will never sell well in this country and that's the army look. "For us, khaki clothes are no novelty," he smiled.

Tsvika Bar, designer for Topper sportswear, described an unusually rapid turnover in colors. "In one season, colors can change completely three times. This means lots of business, but also constant disorder — sales on colors that just weeks ago were the height of fashion. This leads to a constant quest for something new."

It is only natural that Israel, located on the Mediterranean coast with year-round sunshine, has become an international leader in swimsuit design and manufacture. "Israeli bathing suits are among the most sophisticated and the most daring in the world," said Paul Wagner, Export Manager for Gideon Oberson.

He pointed out some differences between local and export swimwear sales: "The Israeli girl is looking for a very brief bikini, while the European or

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Deduction, dialogue solve telephone mystery

MONTICELLO, NY — The "Monticello Mystery," which for years baffled New York Telephone Co. and exasperated people by complicating their attempts to make phone calls, was solved recently by a combination of deduction and dialogue.

The unusual development was reported in a recent issue of Coalition, the newsletter of Agudath Israel of America. The report was amplified by a spokesman for the utility in response to inquiries by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The mystery used to emerge on schedule — about an hour before Friday in the summers — and last 25 hours. The many Orthodox Jewish vacationers in the Monticello area in the Catskills would remove their telephone receivers from the cradle so as not to be bothered during the Sabbath by the ring.

When thousands of telephones are off the hook for any period of time, all telephones in a particular area can be affected. The result was dialtone delays of several minutes and a buildup of busy circuits.

For non-Jews and non-Orthodox Jews in the Catskills, an additional buildup was annoyance and frustration.

To deal with the problem, according to the Coalition report, the utility began a policy of disconnecting from the network the telephones taken off the hook.

That action solved one problem — no more 5-minute waits for dial tone service — but created another: angry customers sans phones struggling to get through to telephone repair service to have their service restored.

"It could have built up to a very antagonistic situation," said George Lakestream, at the time the utility's operations manager in the Monticello area.

Instead, utility officials investigated and learned why so many telephones were "off-the-hook" during that particular around-the-clock period. The utility staff developed a pamphlet illustrating how a telephone could be disconnected at any time without causing service problems: pull the telephone unit out of its socket.

The staffers found a Yiddish typesetter in Brooklyn. The result was 1,000 copies of a 4-page flyer in English and in Yiddish, providing instructions on how an observant Jew could keep his telephone from ringing on the Sabbath without creating troubles for Ma Bell.

Copies of the flyer were mailed to the utility's Catskill mailing list last June. Repairmen carry copies with them and hand them out when needed on trouble-shooting calls.

Second generation fights anti-semitism

By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK — The Generation After, a group composed of children of Holocaust survivors, has chalked up an impressive list of achievements in its efforts to stop anti-semitic activities in New York.

Working for human rights and social justice, the group monitors most neo-Nazi newspapers in the United States. The group's goal is to make "anti-semitism and racism a reminder of the dark ages."

The members' work for human rights and social justice everywhere has led them to demonstrate against apartheid.

In their struggle against anti-semitism they have succeeded in checking anti-Jewish activities in several areas.

They have stopped the sale of Nazi newspapers on 86th St., in Manhattan, and the sale of Hitler T-shirts at major stores in Times Square.

They organized the only public protest against Kurt Waldheim in the centre of New York City's Federal Plaza.

They also organized the only public anti-Bitburg protest demonstration in front of the federal building in New York.

The group has demonstrated, in front of New York courts, at all hearings for deportation of Nazi criminals.

The Generation After can be reached at Box 364, Baychester Station, New York, NY 10469.

Fashion industry grows

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American customer is more likely to choose a 1-piece suit or a less revealing bikini. And while the Israeli customer is interested only in the swimsuit, the European and American woman is interested in the entire beachwear outfit — coverup, shorts, skirts and blouses."

Wagner mentioned an unsolicited publicity boost the firm received last summer. "The haredim (ultra-Orthodox) did us a great service," he said ironically, referring to the burning of Jerusalem bus shelters where provocative Gideon Oberson swimsuit ads had been displayed.

"Business boomed. Australian television interviewed me by phone. And our factory outlet store was so mobbed with customers the morning after one incident that we literally had to call the police to restore order."

Shmulik Feinstein, manager of Gabi Model knitwear company, firmly believes that there is no connection between business and sentiment on the Israeli fashion export scene. "A buyer deals with Israel for purely commercial reasons. He buys here because he knows that our goods provide much higher quality than similarly priced American items."

This year, shiny yarns and appliques gave a glittery look, and long sweaters with shoulder pads were popular. The Israeli woman buys sweaters only in the wintertime, but the export market lengthens the company's season into summer. "Designers here are inspired by the color and mood of Israel's scenery," said Feinstein. "In fashion now are desert colors, salmon and beige, in geometric and floral patterns on a black background.

"Maquette is the main supplier of leatherwear to Marks and Spencer — a fact which is proof of our superb quality control," said Israella Cohen, manager of Maquette's retail chain in Israel. Headquartered in Acre, the 20-year-old company employs 500 workers, many of whom are recent immigrants to Israel.

The black leather jacket, a winter perennial, continued to be a strong seller, but earth colors, purples and bordeaux were also popular. Embossed patterns and quilted shawl collars were important details. Spring/summer leather fashions showed coats and suits in ice cream shades — pink, yellow, green and white, and sexy body-skimming dresses made of soft, light leather treated like fabric.

Oded Gera, leading Israeli high fashion designer and designer for Scharf's Furs, noted that the popularity of fur coats and jackets is part of the growing trend towards the look of affluence. "Fur is a luscious, pampering fabric. And a mink coat still serves as a status symbol."

But, for daytime wear, the most popular designs remain sporty and casual. Bi-color stripes were the most prominent feature of last year's fashion scene, closely followed by the safari and nautical look.

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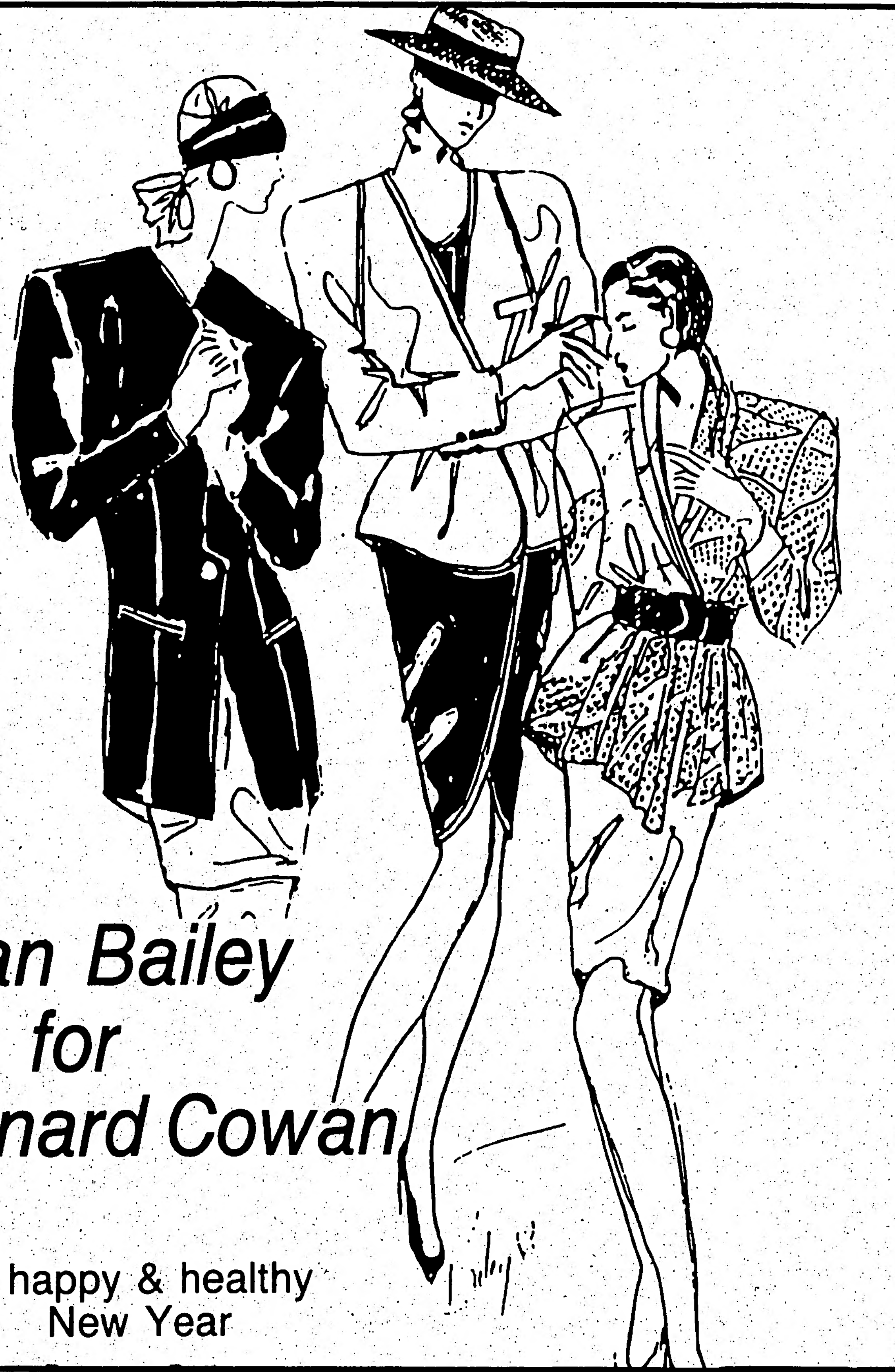

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Hebrew dictionary in the works

Technion formulates technical terminology

HAIFA — The "war of languages" between Germans and Hebrews in the pre-World War I years when the Technion was in the making almost tore asunder Haifa's small Jewish community.

It pitted parent against child, and sibling against sibling. When the dust finally settled, Hebrew emerged victorious to become the language of instruction at the Technion.

When the Technion opened its doors in 1924, there already existed a basic infrastructure of Hebrew technical vocabulary, and the institute was able to begin teaching its first classes in architecture and engineering in Hebrew.

In 1943, the Technion, in conjunction with the Academy of the Hebrew Language, set up the Central Committee of Technical Nomenclature to deal exclusively with the problem of Hebrew technical terminology.

Following the establishment of the State of Israel, the Knesset legally empowered the academy as the sole body responsible for the formation of new words, spelling and grammar rules.

Today, by agreement with the Technion, all words specific to engineering and scientific subjects taught at the Technion are handled by the Central Committee for Technological Terminology, an official branch of the Academy of the Hebrew Language, which operates a joint Technion-Academy venture.

The central committee, which is in effect a national centre for technical terminology, includes Technion faculty, members of the Academy, and representatives of the Israel Association of Engineers and Architects, the Israel Standards Institute, and the Israel Defence Forces.

Its chairman is Professor Shragga Irmay, Technion Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering and a member of the Academy of the Hebrew Language. Dr. Yaakov Levi, an expert in Hebrew, serves as central committee office head.

Since its inception, the central committee has published over 40,000 terms in more than 40 professional dictionaries in such diversified fields as mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, ships, waves and currents, drawing, photography, firefighting, and civil and mechanical engineering.

Recently relocated along with its library — the largest library of technical terminology in Israel — from cramped quarters on the original Hadar HaCarmel campus to new, spacious ones at Technion City, the city committee is redoubling its efforts in the face of the current unparalleled pace of scientific and technological change.

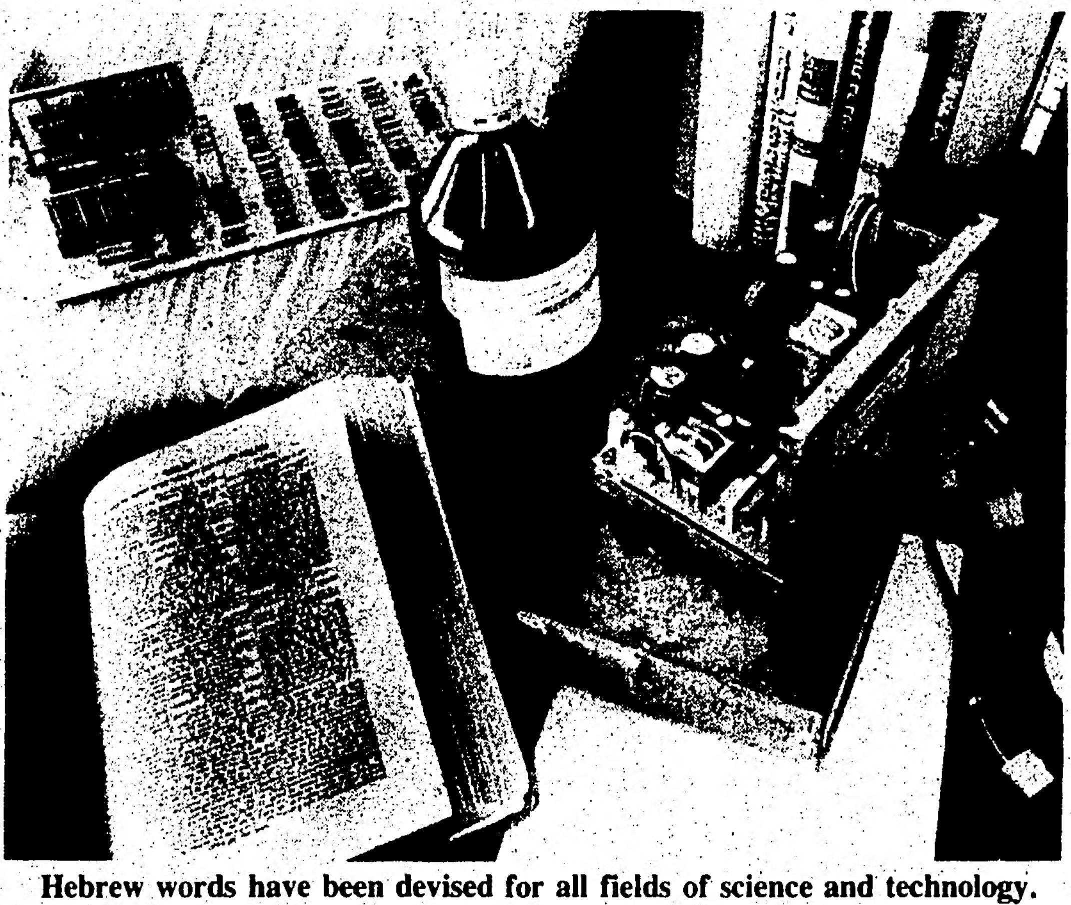
How does the central committee go about creating a technical term? "We do not arbitrarily pick a word out of the sky," says Levi. "There is perpetual tension between specialists who were educated abroad and favor the use of 'international' terms, and Hebrew purists who fight for the use of Hebrew words and roots."

Irmay, with more than 50 years experience in teaching and research in civil engineering, tends to lean toward the international. The considerably younger Levi, coming from a background in Hebrew language, takes the Hebrew approach.

"We discuss, we persuade, we argue," Levi says. "Sometimes our discussions can become quite heated. But in the end, I believe we arrive at the best possible choice of terminology, having explored the problem from all angles."

Basically, the process works like this: If there is a Hebrew word in the Bible or Talmud, this is preferred. Sometimes an obscure word can be revived and its meaning altered to fit modern needs. This was the case with the Hebrew word for electricity — *hashmal.*

The word *hashmal* occurs only once in the Bible, in the book of Ezekiel, where God's chariot is said to be on *hashmal* — possibly some kind of a copper alloy. The Septuagint, the ancient Greek translation of the Bible, translated this word as *elektron* a gold-silver alloy. In another Greek dialect, *elektron* means amber.



Hebrew words have been devised for all fields of science and technology.

In the 18th century, amber was rubbed with a woolen rag in order to attract pieces of paper. The static created was called electricity. Working backwards, *hashmal* was arrived at.

Another way of forming a new technical word is by playing with the basic Hebrew root, a three-letter grouping of consonants.

The addition of a prefix, infix or suffix is often sufficient to create a new term. The word for milk — *halav* — with the addition of a prefix and an infix becomes *talheev,* or emulsion.

By playing around with the basic root *rb(h)* in *tarboot,* which means culture in the sense of civilization, the word *tarbit,* which means a culture medium used in laboratories, was created. New words can also be formed by making verbs from nouns and vice versa.

"Modern Hebrew terminology has a unique opportunity to avoid pitfalls of other languages, such as English, French, German, etc., which are encumbered by their historical development, conservative tradition and popular misusage," says Irmay.

Hebrew technical terminology, unburdened by the "just grew" pattern of other contemporary languages, can reflect a logic and clarity of meaning often missing from these languages.

One example of this is the terminology of chemical compounds. The Hebrew words translate exactly the chemical formula in the proper order, a feat not achieved by any other language.

Also, the same word is used consistently to denote the same chemical symbol. HCl is *meyman klori,* while $NaCl$ is *natran klori,* with the *klori* denoting the Cl. In English, the terms are, respectively, hydrochloric acid and sodium chloride — two different terms referring to the same chemical symbol, Cl.

In addition, the central committee tries to assign a single term to each concept, act or process. This avoids the ambiguity which results from the same word denoting different things.

Thus modern Hebrew terminology grows out of a progressive method that can serve as a model for other nations wishing to adapt their ancient heritages to modern language needs.

It is with no small measure of pride that Irmay relates how the Central Committee has hosted scholars from Ethopia interested in modernizing their language, Amharic, as well as colleagues from Ireland involved in the revival of Gaelic.

Not all requests for information and assistance are as exotic as these. The central committee receives numerous letters and telephone calls from the public. These run the gamut from the sublime to the mundane — ranging from scientists who have come up against a new term, or radio and TV producers putting together programs, to those interested in answers to crossword puzzles.

Neither Irmay nor Levi are fazed. Since the law empowering the Central Committee has no teeth, they correctly deduce that new terminology is "all a matter of public awareness," and welcome public interest in their work.

Currently, Irmay is at work compiling a comprehensive Encyclopedic Dictionary of Technology, Crafts and Real Sciences. With more than 100,000 entries, the dictionary will include all the work done in technical terminology by the Technion Central Committee over the past 40-plus years.

Already four years in preparation with over 75,000 entries completed, this dictionary represents the central committee's *magnum opus,* and Irmay is hopeful that it will be completed within the next two to three years.

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Meir Wagner and his family at the Hotel Silberhorn.

Swiss town features a kosher hostelry

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

GRINDELWALD, Switzerland — Nestled snugly in the Alps, beneath imposing snow-clad peaks like the Eiger and the Wetterhorn, is the quaint, somewhat rustic town of Grindelwald.

Grindelwald merits a visit in its own right. Here, in the bracing air of the Bernese Oberland, you can ride Europe's longest chairlift, hike to your heart's content on beautiful trails and, in winter, ski down some of the finest slopes in Switzerland.

From Grindelwald, you can visit Jungfraujoch, the chalet complex atop one of Europe's highest mountains. From here, in this world of perpetual ice and snow, you can peer down into verdant valleys filled with panoramic sights.

A good place to stay if you're planning a trip to Grindelwald is the 4-star Hotel Silberhorn, a kosher hostelry open practically the year round.

The Silberhorn, which caters almost exclusively to a Jewish clientele, is located only about 10 minutes from the railway station. And that's important, since most tourists get around this country using the fast, efficient train service.

By rail, Grindelwald is about three hours from Zurich's airport.

Built on the crest of a gentle hill, the Silberhorn is one of the few kosher hotels in Switzerland.

It has 40 double and single rooms, and 15 1-to 3-room lavishly appointed suites are in the new $2 million wing.

Facing the north face of the Eiger, the dining room has facilities for over 200 guests. The cuisine, a mix of Swiss, French and Eastern European cooking, can whet any appetite, and in the Swiss Alps it is bound to be sharp.

For two days, I dined in the Silberhorn, and, except for the pallid cakes, I was impressed with the food, which was fresh, wholesome and filling.

The service was prompt and courteous, no small matter when you're famished after a day of trekking in the mountains.

Silberhorn's reputation is such that when the U.S. ambassador in Bern recently hosted a luncheon for the president of Yeshiva University, she called on its chefs. The complete meal was prepared in Grindelwald and dispatched, together with dishes and silverware, to the federal capital, about one hour away by train.

The Silberhorn, which regularly hosts weddings, bar mitzvahs, birthdays, seminars and conventions, has a synagogue on the premises, the only one in the Bernese Oberland. Downstairs, in its modest fitness centre, there is a sauna and a jacuzzi.

Indoor and outdoor parking space can accommodate 25 cars.

The hotel has been in the hands of the Kahn-Wagner family for the past 60 years.

In 1926, Rosette Kahn bought it from the Kaufmann brothers, and in time her son, Paul, took over its management.

In 1949, he enlarged the Silberhorn. Another expansion occurred between 1958 and 1960.

Seventeen years ago, Paul Kahn's daughter, Ruth, and her husband, Meir Wagner, assumed control.

Wagner is a human dynamo. He spends about two months every year on the road promoting the Silberhorn.

People who know Wagner call him Grindelwald's foreign minister. He advises Swissair on Jewish affairs and edits its *Guide to Kosher Hotels and Restaurants in Europe*. He is also a valued member of Grindelwald's tourist board.

Thanks to his indefatigable energy, well-known personalities have made the obligatory pilgrimage to the Silberhorn when they've visited Switzerland — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits and Moses Rosen, the chief rabbis of Britain and Romania, numerous members of the Knesset, and American and European mayors.

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Have much to offer as neighbours

Peace seen as benefiting cities of Eilat, Akaba

By
ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

EILAT (JPFS) — Seemingly as removed from real life and high politics as Waikiki Beach is from the subway in New York City and the Oval Office in Washington, Eilat pulses with signals from across the border.

"I have reason to believe," says a municipal official, "that if an oil storage tank in Akaba bursts, our anti-marine pollution team would be over there in half an hour to help control the spill."

Eilat and the Jordanian port city of Akaba lie side by side at the head of the gulf each has named after itself, like two somnolent sunbathers lying on adjacent beach chairs but oblivious to the existence of the other.

There is "reason to believe," however, that they are at least tacitly sharing insect repellent.

When it is mosquito-spraying time along the border in Eilat it is mosquito-spraying time along the border in Akaba. Teams show up simultaneously on both sides of the fence to ensure that the mosquitos do not find temporary refuge across the frontier.

When Jordan began building sewage-treatment facilities near the Israeli border in Akaba, Eilat demanded and received assurances that it would not suffer environmentally.

Such contacts are effected through the United Nations or the United States embassies in Tel Aviv and Amman, but there is reason to assume that more direct forms of communication are available in emergencies.

Out in the gulf, lines of ships wait to unload in Akaba. Few of the tourists notice them in the distant haze beyond the water-skiers and the yachts; even fewer realize they are witnessing the Iran-Iraq war — the tail end of the supply-line carrying essential war material to the Iraqi front.

In the six years since hostilities began, Akaba's population has tripled to some 40,000 because of the growth in port facilities dictated by the war, a growth that has come at the expense of the city's beach frontage and made it twice as populous as Eilat.

At the other end of Eilat, the town is busily communicating with the major power of the Arab world where the local No. 15 bus ends its run at Taba, a tiny piece of territory that is the subject of an international dispute between Israel and Egypt. It is an ambiguous sort of communication.

The Egyptians clearly want peaceful relations but they are not yet ready for normal relations, and they are especially careful to discourage any Israeli over-familiarity with Sinai — a touch of border bureaucracy helping to ensure that Israelis realize they are entering another country, no longer their own backyard.

Probably nowhere in Israel would regional peace have a more immediate impact than in Eilat. The low-key peace with Egypt has indeed provided an open border, but traffic is relatively sparse. What tourism officials dream of are large-scale package tours involving Sinai, Eilat and Petra.

Beyond this, however, Eilat and Akaba have much to offer each other as neighbors.

"If there were peace, we would use their airport, which can take Jumbos. Ours doesn't," says Dov Sharef, an aide to Eilat Mayor Rafi Hochman. "They'd make money from landing fees and we'd be spared the need to build a new airport. There's no reason for two airports next to each other."

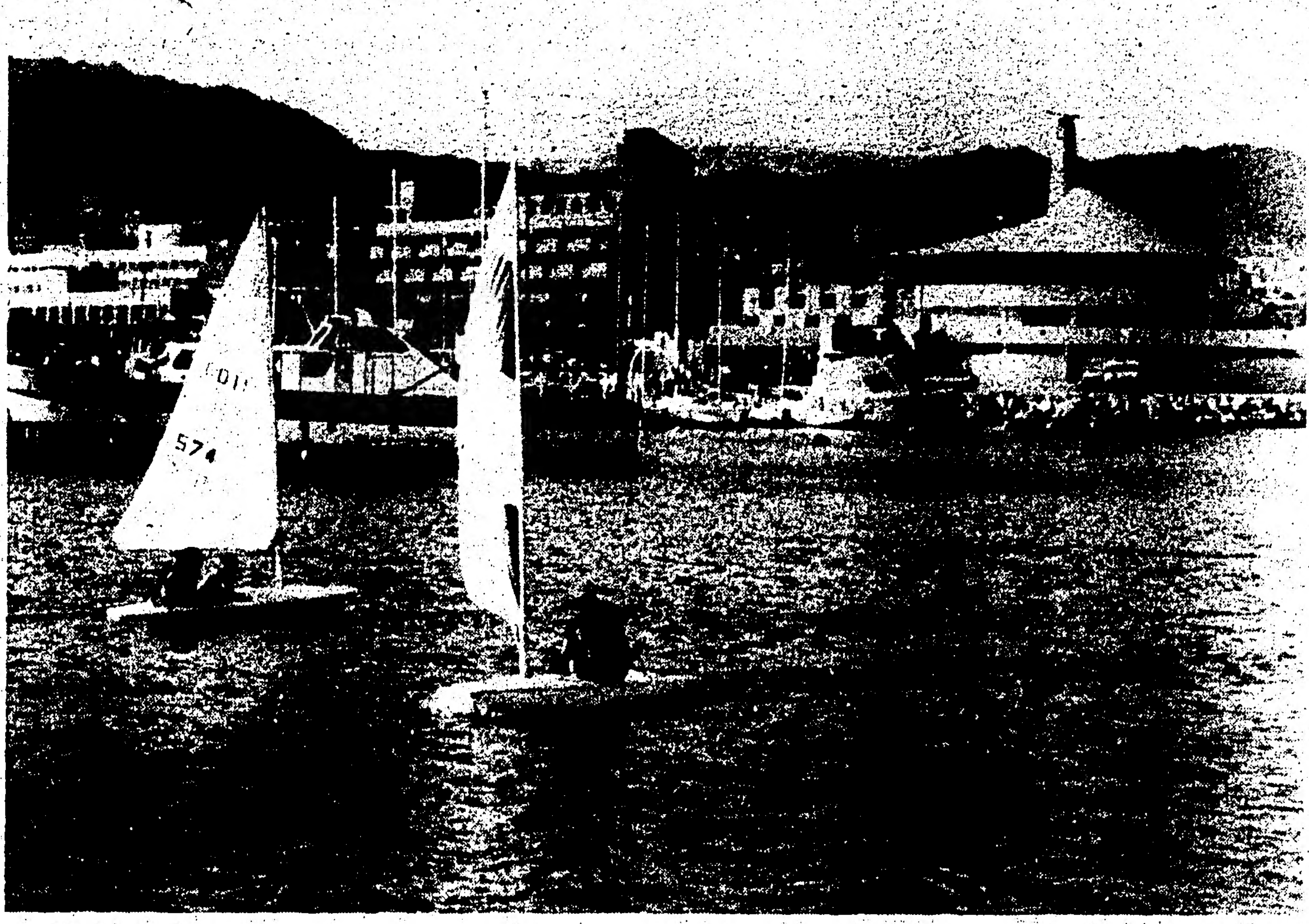
A foreign charter airplane provided a possible portent of the future several months ago when it mistakenly landed at Akaba's airport instead of Eilat's. The Jordanian authorities permitted it, without much fuss, to correct the error.

(Formal planning approval has been granted to move Eilat's airport from its present location in the centre of town to Ein Evrona, seven miles north, and officials hope this will be implemented within the next two years.)

The most visionary form of cooperation between Eilat and Akaba is a proposed "port canal" cut into Israel's adjacent desert area along the international borderline for some seven miles from the head of the gulf.

Under this proposal, ships would sail along a 300-yard-wide canal to inland berthing facilities, thus freeing the shoreline on the gulf itself for tourism.

Eilat officials say the World Bank has promised to finance such a project, but planners believe there is little chance that it will be executed — on this scale, at least — because of the enormous earthworks involved.



A section of the waterfront in Israel's southern port of Eilat.

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U.S. Jews heading to Sunbelt areas

NEW YORK —
Palm Springs, Calif., and Howard County, a growing area between Washington and Baltimore, topped a list of 10 communities nationwide that have reported significant Jewish population gains in the past decade, according to statistics released in the 1987 American Jewish Year Book just published by the American Jewish Committee.

Palm Springs and Howard County nearly doubled their 1986 Jewish population estimates over the previous year, followed by increases for: Houston (50%); Honolulu (40%); Boston Metropolitan Region (34%); Orange County, Calif. (33%); Atlantic County, NJ (32%); Sacramento (17%); Birmingham, Ala. (13%); and Palm Beach County, Fla. (11%).

The total Jewish population of the United States in 1986 was estimated at 5.814 million, or 2.5% of its general population, approximately the same as reported for 1985.

New York remained the state with the highest Jewish concentration, as it was in 1985, with 1,911,300 Jews comprising 10.8% of its total population. It was followed by New Jersey, with 420,850 Jews (5.6%), and Florida and Massachusetts, with 518,990 and 273,060 Jews respectively, comprising 4.7% of each state's population.

These demographic findings are contained in an article titled "Jewish Population in the United States 1986," prepared by Barry Kosmin, Dr. Paul Ritterband, and Jeffrey Scheckner, of the North American Jewish Data Bank.

The data bank is a joint endeavor of the Center for Jewish Studies of the City University of New York and the Council of Jewish Federations.

Kosmin explained that while these new tallies appeared to show dramatic "overnight" increases, they actually reflected growth that took place between the mid-1970s and mid-1980s, which has now been confirmed through more refined measurement techniques.

The revised estimates are in line with established long-term trends in Jewish population distributions, that is, steady movement to Sunbelt areas, declining numbers throughout much of the central portion of the country, and stability or growth in much of the Northeast.

In absolute numbers, the Boston Metropolitan Region has made the greatest leap in its revised estimate, from 170,00 to 228,000 Jews. California's Orange County, currently with 80,000 Jews, increased by 20,000, and Houston, currently with 42,000 Jews, rose by 14,000.

In a separate analysis, the authors compared Jewish communities by metropolitan areas as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, and found that more than half of U.S. Jews live in three regions: New York-Northern New Jersey (38.1%), Los Angeles (10.4%), and Miami-Ft. Lauderdale (6.3%).

Names reveal interesting facts

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —
If an Israeli woman's name is Hanita, the chances are excellent that she is 49 years old, born in 1938, and named after the tower and stockade settlement which was established in the Upper Galilee in that year.

Every year dozens of children are named after historic or outstanding events in the life of the country. A survey of given names reveals many other interesting facts as well.

Like parents everywhere else, Israelis also give their children names to perpetuate the memory of grandparents or other family members, but there is considerable independence in the process as well. Thus, the latest fashion is to give good Hebrew names which also sound as if they come from the Western world. Ron, Gil, Shirlee, Karen, Shelli, Guy, Elinor, are all pure Hebrew and have meanings in their own right.

Among the extremely Orthodox of Meah Shearim it is now becoming stylish to name boys after one of the great Torah or Talmud sages of the past, in the hope that some of the scholarship and erudition will be imparted to the namesake. There is less interest in names of girls there.

Among religious Sephardi families today there is partiality for the angels, and the names of Rafael, Michael and Gabriel are common.

A nurse at one of the large obstetric wards has been keeping tabs on names, and has come up with her own interesting observations. If the parents are university graduates, they tend to names like Anat, Michael, Noa and Saul. Teachers are partial to Yael, Michal, Tamar and Roi. Among the newborn babes of Gush Emunim members the names of Joshua, Samuel, Simeon, Batsheva, Tehilla and Atara appear frequently.

Names like Simcha and Yona used to cause confusion because it was never quite certain whether their bearers were boys or girls. Now the habit has become more widespread, and unisex names like Sharon, Rotem, Shai, Doron, Moran, Tal, Adi and Amit are encountered frequently.

Sasha Whiteman, a sociologist, has made a study of more than two million names given to Jewish children in this country during the 100-year period beginning in 1882. He found that for the first 40 years, up to 1920, the names given were basically drawn from the Bible: Elijah, Isaac, Miriam, Esther, Zerubabel, Hepzibah, Elisheva, Hulda, etc.

The 20-year period that followed was characterized by names like Assaf, Yoav, Eitan, Giora, Gideon, Oded, Uzi and Avner.

The creation of the state launched a new era of short names based on beauty, joy, light, plants and general aesthetics. That is the generation of Nava, Yafit, Tal, Ziv, Rina, Shai, Hadas, Vered, Erez, Lilac, Gur, Ofra, each with its distinctive meaning.

Since the beginning of the 70s, however, there has been a shift back to more traditional Jewish sources. Significantly, throughout the 100 years, at a time when Arabic words like falafel, hamsin, mabsut, kayf, yallah, yanni and others were being freely absorbed into everyday Hebrew speech, there was not the slightest move to take over any names of Arab origin.

In a country of immigration, like Israel, the first generation of arrivals bear names which often clearly indicate their country of origin. Kurt, Pierre, Ferenc, Sasha, Ovadia, Morton and Neville can pretty safely be identified as having come, respectively, from Germany, France, Hungary, Russia, Yemen, the U.S. and England. Yet their children become true Israelis, otherwise unidentifiable as Dalia, Gur, Amikam, Leor, Sharon, Ilana and Shai.

Even Carl and Natalie can have grandchildren named Iris, Tamar, Ronit, Tal, Anat, Assaf, Dafna and Na'omi.

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Small acting companies throughout Israel

English-speaking theatre growing in popularity

By
RICK RAEL

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The sound of applause fades as the curtain lowers upon the stage. The actors slide back easily into their daily roles: lawyer, student, father, wife. They mingle with the people in the audience who are in a festive mood. It's strictly community theatre, relaxed and informal, yet there is one slight variation. In this Hebrew-speaking country, the play just performed was in English and not Ivrit.

It appears that English-speaking theatre in Israel just may be shedding it's understudy role. Although far from the level of Hebrew theatre in popularity and stature, small grassroots acting companies have been growing throughout the country, mounting ambitious projects that range from a full scale orchestrated Gilbert and Sullivan operetta to a 2-women performance based on ancient Jewish liturgy.

At present, most all major cities in Israel can claim at least one active drama group, with Jerusalem, given its high number of native English speakers, currently supporting four production troupes that perform throughout the year.

According to Gidon Redov, director of Milev, a network that coordinates all amateur drama groups throughout the country, "every year sees another request to form a new company or two. I assume that means people are hungry to come and perform in them.

The standard seems quite high, given the fine reception that Tel Aviv's Dramá Circle had last year in their production of Rose — Israel's entry in the Amateur Theatre Festival in Edinburgh."

Only a few decades ago, English theatre was all but abandoned by the public. Says Israeli-American actress Zipora Peled, "We were definitely the stepchild nobody wanted. People were building a Hebrew-speaking country and were naturally quite determined about keeping it that way. An occasional group would form and put on an English play, much to everyone's disapproval. Oh, the people and critics enjoyed themselves, but they'd always say: 'but why do we need it?' "

The times in Israel have mellowed since than, given the influx of people from the various English-speaking countries and the pervasive effects of modern media. English has now established itself comfortably as a second language for many within contemporary society, and, says Peled, the new immigrants have made theatre viable again.

"We're like an absorption centre on stage," says one member when describing the diversity of backgrounds within her group, where a well attuned ear can detect a range of dialects from Irish brogue to Brooklynese. The remark underscores one of the crucial elements in the success of English theatre, namely, the spirit that forms naturally when putting on a full scale production.

Zvika Nathan and Yvonne Hunter from Jerusalem Stage Two in a scene from On the Road to Jerusalem by Nomi Sharon.

The enthusiasm affects the people up on stage to the fullest extent: one drama group describes its operation as a "family affair" as husbands work alongside their wives and parents with their children.

At the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, an English drama workshop serves an equally valuable service for the students. "It gives a young person from North America, on the 1-year program, a chance to work with a graduate student from Europe in order to entertain their peers in Israel," says instructor Shai Bar-Yaakov in praise of the international flavor of the project.

Moreover, he indicates, for native English speakers and those not necessarily fluent in Hebrew, the drama workshop allows many to participate creatively in the university's cultural life.

In order to thrive in Israel, however, English theatre needs to provide more than an opportunity to wax nostalgic for a favorite classical drama or to provide the backdrop for a festive social evening. Gabriella Lev, an Australian-born actress and founder of the Jerusalem Theatre Company, believes that English theatre can only serve a specific purpose in a society rooted in the Hebrew language.

"Theatre expresses the basic social and historical experiences of a culture. By definition, theatre, as a significant movement within Israel, can only occur in Hebrew. That isn't to say, however, that English productions can't be interesting, imaginative or of a high calibre."

One means by which both Lev and Peled have bridged the cultural and linguistic distances is through the translation of works — both very old and very modern — that make them accessible to English audiences.

An award-winning Hebrew play, Bruria, which has been appearing throughout the country in English for the past three years, is set in the period after the Bar Kochba revolt against the Romans and details the story of the wife of a Rabbi Meir, a rebbitzen of strength and independence.

Lev, along with several other women, including her sister, Ruth Wieder, with whom she performs, conceived and developed a play that is directly translated from one of Israel's religious and historical sources.

The work, at times demanding of both actress and audience, quotes directly from the Talmud. This, according to Lev, is the first time such an attempt has been made at putting the ancient texts into such a theatrical form.

Peled, founder of the Jerusalem Stage theatre group, is currently producing and directing two plays in the capital and appearing in one of them. "People are curious about life in Israel," she remarks. "Translating and performing Israeli plays will hopefully give visitors and non Hebrew speakers an insight into Israeli society."

Peled acts and directs Roommates in Jerusalem, a play that deals with one of the more serious problems of contemporary life in Israel — Jewish-Arab coexistence. Roommates tells the story of the complications that result when Yosuf, an Arab medical student in Jerusalem, is forced to conceal his identity when renting an apartment in the city.

She hopes that theatre, a medium capable of focusing closely on human relationships, "will help people relate better to the complexities involved in Israeli life."

In contrast to the serious nature of Roommates, Peled opened a spirited production of the comedy My Mother the General, because she feels, "one of the oldest remedies to forget your troubles is laughter."

My Mother, a popular Israeli farce first presented after the Yom Kippur War in 1973, parlays two traditionally Jewish phenomena: a soupmaking and doting Yiddishe Mama and the ability to laugh at oneself, into a slapstick comedy. The opening performance on Dec. 31, 1986 drew nearly 400 people to a theatre in Jerusalem.

Probably the most ambitious project of them all, however, is happening in the Negev desert: "When the group first got together we didn't have any grandiose ideas," remarks Ed Spitz, one of the founders of the Light Opera of the Negev. "We thought we would just put on one production and that would be it."

That was in 1981 and since then the Beersheba group of over 70 strong, has performed five Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, accompanied at first by piano only and now with full orchestra.

The troupe's current production of 'Princess Ida' was performed throughout Israel in March and April. The ever increasing popularity of the Gilbert and Sullivan productions has also included a surprising group of local inhabitants — Israelis! Says one member of the group, "Israelis are eager for this type of entertainment because it is unusual and they won't find anything like it anywhere in the country."

With most English theatre groups operating on the proverbial shoestring budget and given the voluntary nature of the enterprise, the future success of English theatre seems dependent upon a combination of grassroots enthusiasm and creative inspiration — something which both Peled and Lev are confident exist in plenty.

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Now part of local scene

Reform Judaism gains strength in Israel

By
NEHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —
A dozen bright and brash young people are turning the Israeli branch of Reform Judaism into something never seen before — an indigenous local movement.

Hitherto a foreign import run mainly by American rabbis who spoke limited, heavily accented Hebrew, the movement is now in the hands of rabbis who are — in terms of both language and temperment — part and parcel of the Israeli scene.

Uri Regev

Most were ordained at the Jerusalem branch of Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion, where nine other Israelis are now being trained. Even more important is their typical Israeli background, which qualifies them to speak with the country's silent majority, who are neither Orthodox nor atheistic.

Typical of this new breed of rabbis is Uri Regev, ordained a few months ago. As a child of a secular, Labor-oriented Tel Aviv family, he would never have become a rabbi in ordinary circumstances. However, he says, he was, "turned on" by his experience during a 6-month exchange program sponsored by the Reform movement in the United States.

Uri was particularly enthusiastic about his contacts with American Jewish youngsters at a Reform movement camp who, he discovered, wrote their own services and expressed their own feelings in prayer. He came away convinced that Israel needed a "modern religious structure," one that eliminated "the unnatural division between religion and daily life."

On returning to Israel, he became active in Tel Aviv's Kedem Reform Congregation, though he did not immediately contemplate a career in the rabbinate. That came later, when — after setting out to study law — he also decided to take courses in Jewish philosophy and jurisprudence.

Uri gradually came to the conclusion that he should combine the two fields, and that is what he has done. As a lawyer, he helps lead the challenge against Israeli laws discriminating against Reform Judaism. He also teaches and conducts services at HUC-JIR.

Reform's major success to date has been the Israeli Supreme Court's decision in the case of Shoshana Miller, an American immigrant who was converted to Judaism by a Reform rabbi in the U.S. The Interior Minister, Yitzhak Peretz, refused to implement the court decision ordering him to register Miller as a Jew, and resigned from the cabinet.

Uri is currently working on several other important cases, the most significant of which concerns the right of Reform rabbis — now denied — to perform and register marriages. The present statute says only that Jewish marriage services must be conducted according to Jewish law. The Reform movement argues that its rabbis are qualified to do so, but the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel rejects this claim and Reform and Conservative rabbis are not permitted to perform weddings in Israel.

Also on Uri's legal agenda is an attempt to force the interior ministry to recognize Reform conversions carried out in Israel. Uri hopes to bring his case as well to the Israeli Supreme Court.

Uri laughs when asked about the financial attraction of his dual career. "I'd make a lot more money as a full-time lawyer," he says, adding, "but I believe I can contribute more to Israeli society by being a Reform rabbi as well."

Rabbi Regev does not expect to transform Israeli society overnight, partly because the Orthodox establishment is fighting the Reform movement tooth and nail. Another factor is that Jews from both Eastern Europe and the Middle East remain largely unacquainted with liberal Judaism.

"To top everything off," says Uri, "most of the non-Orthodox politicians are less than helpful. This is because they are happy with a situation whereby Orthodox elements show flexibility on social, economic and foreign policy issues so long as they get what they want on religious issues."

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Began career in hospital

Clay gives Israeli artist new life

By
SUSAN BASS

TEL AVIV (WZPS) — Five years ago, Mazal Boussidan lay critically ill in a hospital in Tel Aviv, connected to machines which helped her to breathe, to swallow and to maintain her heartbeat. A victim of Myasthemia gravis (a neuro-muscular disease), Mazal's hands remained tightly locked in a claw-like position.

Her son, Yaakov Boussidan, an established Israeli artist whose work is represented in major museums around the world, determined to help his mother recover. He hoped to awaken her almost useless limbs, to give her mind and body new strength and purpose.

While Mazal lay in bed in the intensive care unit of Tel Hashomer hospital, Yaakov began to teach her to work with clay. He never dreamed that he might be launching the career of a major Israeli artist.

Mazal Boussidan puts the finishing touches to a sculpture of Moses and the snake/rod.

Mazal quickly proved to possess enviable natural talent, determination, and the ability to transmit a rich spiritual heritage. Yaakov spent nine months teaching his mother how to mold clay: how to make a figure hollow, to shape the head, the nose, the eyes. Mazal returned home from the hospital still weak, but recovering, and with a passion for her new-found talent. She felt she had been given a second life.

Born in Egypt in 1912, Mazal received little formal education. She worked as a seamstress until she made aliya with her husband and son Yaakov, in 1949. Her two daughters were born in Israel. The family settled in Kiryat Ono, at the time a small village perched on sand dunes on the outskirts of Tel Aviv, where Yaakov attended a one-room village school.

In the 7th grade he was expelled from school, and Mazal was told there was "no hope" for her son. Through Youth Aliya, however, Yaakov was placed on Kibbutz Givat Hayim. There, under the supervision of Youth Aliya psychologist Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, who became a close friend and supporter, Yaakov's artistic talent was discovered and encouraged.

At age 20, he began formal art studies under the late Prof. Yosef Schwartzman, "a master artist and a great Zionist." Schwartzman's insistence that an artist must have flexibility, encouraged Boussidan to master numerous media. Today his work includes paintings; printmaking; fabric, tapestry and needlepoint design; photography; ceramics; calligraphy; theatre set design and costume design.

Parallel to his work in Schwartzman's studio, Boussidan studied ceramics with Heidwig Grossman, founder of the school for modern pottery in Israel, and a recognized expert on ancient pottery and on the clays of Israel. Boussidan reflects that by studying the clays of Israel under Grossman, he went "right to the core of ceramics."

In the late 1960s Boussidan went to England to continue his art education. Since then he has divided his time between England and Israel, maintaining a studio and print workshop outside of London.

Although Boussidan has enjoyed considerable success in the art world, until five years ago Mazal was barely aware of his work. She recalls that she "didn't know if his pictures were photographs or drawings." Mazal had never been exposed to museums or books. Until Yaakov handed her a lump of clay, she "didn't realize that people could create such things."

But during the past five years, she has produced approximately 70 terracotta sculptures of animals, biblical figures, and mother and child figures. She recently completed a series of three sculptures of Moses: one with the snake/rod; one with the tablets of the law and one with hands powerfully unpraised in prayer.

Mazal achieves a marvellous sense of balance. Her animals can stand with a foot in the air and her human figures can raise heavy objects aloft, while remaining sure-footed.

She begins with a clear idea of the sculpture she wants to make and has a passion for creating precisely what she has envisioned. If her work is not perfect, she destroys it. Her works are sometimes playful, more often powerful, but always vibrantly alive conveying a deep sense of spirituality. Heidwig Grossman once said of her, "she is a carrier of ancient messages."

Just as she now brings life to lumps of clay, the clay has given Mazal a new life. Today she is a busy artist, often rising in the middle of the night to begin work. In 1986 she was formally introduced to the art world when she and Yaakov Boussidan jointly exhibited their work at Manor House in London.

The exhibition was a great success, resulting in numerous invitations for further exhibitions. Four separate exhibitions of their work are planned for England and Scotland for this spring and summer.

In March of this year, a joint exhibition of Mazal and Yaakov's work appeared at the Stern Gallery in Tel Aviv. The joint exhibition contained approximately 50 of Mazal's ceramic sculptures.

As for the future: Mazal looks forward to her first one-woman exhibition and to exhibiting her work in the United States. But for the meantime, Mazal, who has neither read nor heard of a mermaid, is planning her next sculpture: a figure that is half fish, half man.

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Jerusalem vantage point

Mt. Scopus an important symbol

By
HELEN HILL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The road to Mount Scopus rises up from the valley, curving sharply around the rocky slopes to the summit. Below lies the panorama of old and new Jerusalem, mellow stones glinting golden in the sunshine with the Temple Mount outlined proudly against the clear sky. In every direction lies a magnificent vista; the Judean desert, the Jordan River and the Dead Sea shimmering in the distance.

Appropriately called Har Hatzofim in Hebrew (Lookout Mountain or Mount Scopus, which is the Greek and more popular translation), this northern extension of the Mount of Olives is more than a lofty vantage point. For Jerusalem it's also a symbol of conquest and victory, of sorrow and faith.

Here Jeremiah the prophet lamented the destruction of the Temple, and pilgrims coming from the northeast wept at the sight, for the sages commanded, "He who views Jerusalem from Mount Scopus must rend his garment."

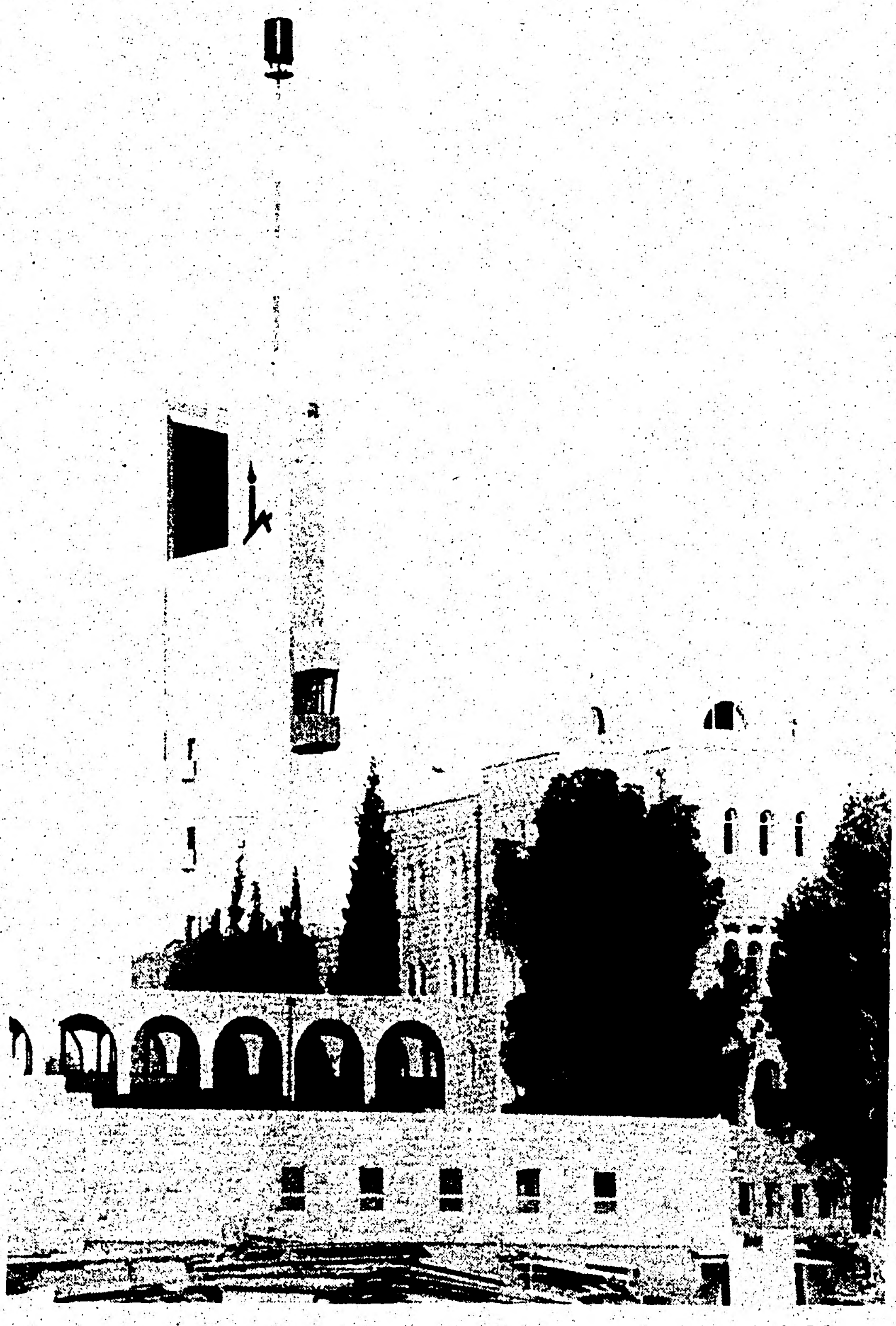
On the summit of the mountain, Titus marshalled the Roman legions in 70 CE for the final assault that ravaged the city and destroyed the second Temple. And in modern times, British, Arab and Jewish armies also fought for control of the heights as the key to the city below.

When General Allenby routed the Turks from Jerusalem in December, 1917, there were two main buildings on Mount Scopus. The largest, the German Augusta Victoria Hospice perched on the highest peak, had been used as army HQ in World War I. (Later it served as British Government House until damaged in an earthquake in 1927. Eventually it returned to use as a hospital and pilgrim centre).

On the highest peak of Scopus (2,684 feet or 826 meters high) the former residence of an English lawyer, Sir John Gray-Hill, had been bought in 1908 with 50 acres of land as the site of the future Hebrew University.

The Zionist leaders conceived the idea of a Hebrew University, with Herzl himself seeking permission from the Ottoman Sultan. Plans were interrupted by the outbreak of World War I and revived after the British freed Jerusalem.

Allenby was among the distinguished guests present in July 1918 when Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president, laid the cornerstone of the first buildings on Mount Scopus, declaring, "Here out of the misery and desolation of war is being created the first germ of a new life; something which is to serve as a better future."



The Observation Tower and Faculty of Law of the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus.

Seven years later the university was officially opened and Dr. Judah Magnes became the first president. The faculties of humanities, science and mathematics buildings were built over the next few years. Research laboratories, classrooms, an ampitheatre and the National Library with its valuable collection of Hebraica , Judaica and Arabic works, transformed the barren hillside into a university campus.

An American visitor in 1929 reported, "It was like a pilgrimage to climb the slopes of Mount Scopus and see the buildings which now crown this noble crest, the nucleus of the great university which is to be."

The Hadassah Medical Centre came to the mountainside in 1938 as the fulfilment of a plan for a modern hospital and medical school. The distinctive main building, designed by Eric Mendelsohn, was the gift of the U.S. Hadassah Women's Organization and served the health needs of Jerusalem's Arabs and Jews alike. Hadassah continued to expand and ground was broken in 1947 for a new building on Mount Scopus.

Arab attacks on Jews in early 1948 affected access to Mount Scopus and only armed convoys could travel to the hospital and university. On a fateful day in April the weekly convoy was attacked en route and some 77 people were killed, among them hospital director Dr. Chaim Yassky, doctors, nurses, professors and students.

David Ben-Gurion placed the blame squarely on the British authorities who "neither prevented the attack nor allowed the Haganah to come to the assistance of the convoy."

Fighting during the War of Independence raged over and around Mount Scopus causing damage to the university buildings. During the first ceasefire, United Nations mediators arranged the demilitarization of the Mount of Olives and Mount Scopus, allowing the university buildings to remain an Israeli enclave occupied by a small group of Jewish police and caretakers.

According to the April 1949 Armistice Agreement with Jordan, there was "an agreement in principle for restoring the normal functioning of the cultural and humanitarian institutions on Mount Scopus with free access thereto."

The Jordanians controlling the surrounding area never allowed this and only permitted a fortnightly changing of the guard. Convoys were checked at the Mendelbaum Gate, the sole link between East and West Jerusalem, and allowed to proceed to Mount Scopus. Occasionally a book was brought back from the library, but apart from the guards the place was desolate.

During the years of the divided city (1948-1967) a new Hadassah Hospital and medical centre were built on the hill above Ein Karem. The Hebrew University, temporarily housed in various parts of Jerusalem, moved to a new campus at Givat Ram.

During the Six-Day War Mount Scopus once again proved vital for the capture of Jerusalem; this time for the Israeli army counterattack after the Jordanians bombarded the area. Fighting heavily over and around Mount Scopus, through the neighboring Sheik Jarrah quarter and Police School, the Israeli forces succeeded in breaking through the north and on June 7, 1967 entered the Old City of Jerusalem.

After the war the university and hospital buildings on Mount Scopus were recovered, repaired and immediately put to use. New student facilities were built and the Harry Truman Research Centre was erected as part of the faculty of Law.

Now, 20 years later, Mount Scopus bears no sign of battle as it buzzes with peaceful activity. Frequent buses link the old and new city with the busy university and medical centre and neighboring residential areas and work continues on the Mormon Centre across the ridge.

High up on the grassy slopes, flocks of goats and sheep still graze while the desert wind blows soft and cool. Mount Scopus, in its matchless setting, stands guard over Jerusalem.

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Celebrating 21st anniversary

The Knesset: Israel's symbol of sovereignty

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — It might be argued that the Knesset is today the single most important Jewish institution in the world. It is the ultimate symbol of Jewish sovereignty and Israeli democracy and is now celebrating its 21st anniversary.

A brochure about the Knesset given to me by Shmuel Jacobson, the secretary-general of the Knesset, predictably praises the building: "The attractive building," it says, "with its unusual design is set on a high hillock in the western part of modern Jerusalem.

"It is distinctive for its austere lines which follow a classical architectural style. While showing a functional simplicity which is characteristic of modern buildings, the edifice combines a dignity and beauty which befits Israel's legislature."

Jacobson himself, however, has few positive things to say about the Knesset building. He concedes that the building is esthetically pleasing and adds that the gardens are beautiful. But for the administrative and executive purposes for which it was constructed he feels that the building is not suitable.

"When we moved in here in 1966," recalls Jacobson, "and everybody was marvelling at the extra space, I said at the time that it would not be long before we had outgrown the space allocated to us."

Jacobson's position as secretary-general parallels that of the clerk of the House of Commons. He has served in the Knesset as an administrator for 36 years and assumed his current position in 1983.

The Knesset was initially situated in the Tel Aviv Opera House (where independence was declared on May 14, 1948) before moving to Jerusalem a year later. After a brief spell in the Jewish Agency building the Knesset found its first permanent home in Bet Froumine (now the ministry of tourism on King George St.) until its final move in 1966.

"The essential problem with the Knesset building," explains Jacobson, "is that the architects did not think significantly ahead. They constructed a building that assumed the Knesset would continue to have the same needs as Bet Froumine. Previously there were 10 Knesset committees, so 10 committee rooms were built here. Now that we have 11 Knesset committees, the 11th has to meet in the deputy speaker's office."

Jacobson catalogues a list of other deficiencies, including a lack of office and restaurant space. Despite all this, however, the Knesset building, the construction of which was financed by the Rothschild family of Britain, is still substantial. It has five floors, and in addition to the Plenary Chamber, there are offices for each MK and political party, committee rooms, lecture halls and several important works of art including the famous Chagall tapestry on the wall of the main reception area.

The Knesset is also notorious for the behavior of some of its elected members. Israeli teachers have been known to tell unruly pupils to stop acting as if they were in the Knesset.

Jacobson agrees that events in the debating chamber are sometimes inexcusable but feels that only five or six of the 120 Knesset members are to blame. Furthermore, he berates the media for sensationalizing the situation. "If the television cameras film hours of debate," he says, "and there are just a few seconds of ugly behavior, it is those few seconds th[illegible] ill be shown on the ne[illegible]

Security is inevitably an important subject. Of 330 Knesset staff over 100 are guards, part of a specially recruited Knesset guard under the nominal command of the speaker of the house.

Israel's Knesset, "the ultimate symbol of Jewish sovereignty and Israeli democracy."

The police have no jurisdiction within the Knesset precincts unless specially invited in by the sergeant at arms of the Knesset guard.

A grenade was thrown by a deranged member of the public in the Bet Froumine building, but there have been no attempted attacks on the new building. Nevertheless, strict security regulations are enforced at all times.

Because of security considerations, the entrance to the Knesset was moved from the east to the west side of the building. This was because back in 1966 the plaza in front of the Knesset would have faced Jordanian artillery. Consequently, the present entrance is now inappropriately on an upper floor with visitors having to descend to the legislature.

In the near future an electronic voting system is to be introduced, while there are also plans to build a 2-floor extension with 48 offices.

Jacobson feels that the Knesset, which sits three days a week during eight months, can complete its business during that time but he would like to see the committees sitting for longer periods.

The Knesset with its 120 democratically elected representatives, including Moslems, Christians and Druze, is inextricably linked with the continual survival of the Jewish state. At the same time, its very existence embodies the highest ideals of Zionism and Judaism within the framework of a democratic, multiracial and egalitarian state.

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Old City upgrading poses problems

By
ROBERT STADTLER

Yitzhak Yacobi

JERUSALEM — "When you start laying a drainage system, in what other city do you have to think about things like encountering a Herodian street, or part of a path along which Jesus may have passed?"

For Yitzhak Yacobi the question is anything but rhetorical. When Yacobi speaks of David, the king of Israel who chose Jerusalem as his capital some 3,000 years ago, it is as if the two had just been conferring on the telephone — presumably discussing a point of architecture.

Over the past 10 years, Yacobi has been the guiding force in the effort to bring one of the world's most ancient cities up to modern living standards, while preserving its historic and sacred character. The task has been a monumental one in every sense of the word.

In the war which followed Israel's declaration of independence in 1948, Jerusalem was divided. The western part of the city became the new nation's capital, while the eastern section of the city, including the walled Old City, came under Jordanian rule.

When Jerusalem was reunited in the Six Day War of 1967, the Israelis found the Old City in an appalling condition. The most serious problem was the drainage and sewage system, which had not undergone any significant repairs or expansion since the network was first constructed by the Turks in the 16th and 17th centuries.

"It was awful," recalls Yacobi, "you couldn't walk there. The whole system was blocked. When the winter rains came, the water and sewage covered the streets. And, of course, tourists couldn't go there. It was filthy, smelly. . . ."

For the residents of the Old City, the living conditions were intolerable. Nearly one third of the houses had no electricity, two thirds were without running water. Typhoid, cholera and other diseases were constant health threats. Many of the houses were near collapse, and the centuries of neglect had taken a heavy toll on the holy sites and archaeological treasures which testified to Jerusalem's unique history.

At first there was strong pressure, both in Israel and around the world, to simply provide the Old City with a superficial "face lift." Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek stood his ground, however, and insisted that the Old City first be provided with a modern infrastructure. His choice for the job of restoring ancient Jerusalem was the East Jerusalem Development Co., under the directorship of Yacobi.

The company is a publicly owned enterprise which was founded in 1965 for the purpose of overseeing the restoration of historical monuments in Jerusalem. Its permanent staff of 17 archaeologists, engineers and architects quickly gained an international reputation for the work they had done in "new" Jerusalem and Yacobi's direction.

The restoration of the Old City was the most ambitious project they had undertaken, and the most sensitive. The most difficult part of the job, from the technical point of view, was the digging for the drainage and sewage systems and for the electric and telephone lines.

There was a constant possibility of encountering invaluable historic treasures among the debris which had accumulated below the current surface of the streets in the course of centuries. Archeologists were present at each stage of the work. "It's a very tricky business," says Yacobi. "You have to be very, very careful, because you can do irreparable damage."

Once the infrastructure has been laid, the main thoroughfares, particularly in the bazaar area, were repaved with either flagstone or cobblestone. Original stones, some dating as far back as the Roman period, were used wherever possible.

As the work progressed, donations from around the world helped finance parallel projects for the beautification of the Old City. The facades of existing buildings were repaired and new sites were developed in order to help tourists become acquainted with the Old City and its history.

The most impressive of these projects was the restoration of the city walls. Every day at sunset, when the famous yellow-gold Jerusalem stone of the walls catches the sun's rays, Jerusalem provides a reminder of why it came to be known as the city of gold. A walkway along the top of the walls allows visitors to circle the city, looking down on its great variety from above.

For Yacobi, a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp, bringing the ancient city of Jerusalem back to life has been a labor of love. Although mentioned as a possible candidate for the next mayor of Jerusalem, he wants no part of politics. He prefers to put his skill for diplomacy to use in the work he does.

"We are working in an area where you have to consider the feelings of the Jews, the Moslems and the Christians, and all of the various denominations. It's very delicate work," Yacobi says.

"The most important quality you need in my job is the ability to respect other people's feelings — especially even when you know they're wrong," he explains. "I love my work," he adds, "I really do."

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Interplay between the real and fantastic

Puppet performances used to tell Jewish tales

By
SUSAN BASS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The Old City of Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter is a living mosaic of past and present; the immediate and the timeless; the real and the fantastic. Francoise Coriat Bonneau, who has lived there for 15 years, finds the quarter "a place full of mystery and history, where you step beyond reality at each step."

The quarter provides the perfect home for Bonneau, whose career involves a constant interplay between the real and the fantastic. She works in the world of Pinnochio, herself playing the part of Geppetto — creating marionettes and pulling their strings. But her puppets usually inhabit a realm of Jewish folklore.

Bonneau uses her puppets to tell tales which she herself first encountered as a young adult, when she read a small volume of legends edited by the renowned Israeli poet Chaim Nachman Bialik.

Studied the Midrash

Her current puppet project centres on presenting the Midrashic story about Solomon, Ashmidai and Naama. The three main characters — marionettes designed and built by Bonneau herself — hang suspended from her living room ceiling. When she takes them down and works their strings, they come to life.

Before she fashioned these particular marionettes, Bonneau studied the Midrash for two years and readily cites Rashi's commentary to the Book of Kings, and discussions of the sages.

Rashi, the leading commentator on the Bible and Talmud, wrote that first Solomon ruled over earth, sky and underground, then over just the earth; then over Israel; then Jerusalem; and finally over his own stick. Thus, in the process of becoming poor and powerless, Solomon became master over himself alone.

In Bonneau's play, as in Bialik's Midrash, Solomon loses his throne to the King of the Devils (Ashmidai), and regains it only after he spends several years as a beggar and becomes a kinder, better person.

Bonneau acquired a love of marionettes during her childhood in Paris, where puppet performances are regular events in the streets and public parks. Here in Israel, puppetry is a relatively new art form. People often think of puppets as entertainment for children. But she points out, the art form is equally suited for adults.

Bonneau first stepped into this world in 1976 when a friend suggested that she join her in registering for an improvization course at the Jerusalem Drama Workshop. Bonneau studied in the workshop for two years, learning "from the most brilliant people I have ever met."

During this time, she created her first marionette, then fashioned a series of Commedia del Arte stock characters. Afterwards she began to work on improving her marionettes, and making them move more easily. "It took me years to develop my technique."

At the same time that Bonneau was entering the world of puppetry, she also began a parallel career in the theatre. In 1978, the Jerusalem Drama Workshop staged a street play which required costumes and masks.

Bonneau, who had a natural eye for fashion and could sew and had worked with her hands — as a ceramicist — since she came to Jerusalem from France in 1969, volunteered to make the needed masks and costumes. Her creations were an immediate success. "Since then I have been very much in demand."

She stopped working with ceramics and began to devote all her time to a multi-faceted career in theatre: designing masks, costumes, props and puppets. One of her favorite projects involved designing individually hand-painted costumes and custom-made masks for the Rubin Academy's production of Mozart's The Magic Flute.

Another favorite project was her work for the Yoram Margolin dance troupe. She created a series of bird masks (complete with feathers and sequins), and fashioned the dresses from scarves. One particularly challenging assignment involved designing costumes for a play performed in a hospital, by wheelchair-bound patients.

Bonneau also is an accomplished make-up artist and teaches workshops in theatrical make-up. She is frequently called upon to make-up actors and at Purim, for a small fee, she makes-up the faces of "tens and hundreds" of Jerusalem children.

Bonneau's busy theatre and puppetry career found a new home in 1986, when the Nisan Nativ professional drama school invited her to move her studio to a branch of the school at the Jerusalem Theatre. There she teaches mask-making, puppetry, and theatrical make-up.

Her future plans include producing her own puppet plays on the school's stage in the Jerusalem Theatre in order to "act out my own dreams and fantasies through Midrashic stories," and to continue to explore the interplay between the real and the fantastic.

Francoise Coriat Bonneau with some of the masks and costumes she designed and made.

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Run by microbiologist

Kosher dairy eatery successful

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — A summer evening in Jerusalem. Tourists and locals stroll through the city as the twilight deepens to velvet darkness. Many turn off Zion Square onto Reb Yoel Salomon St.

This long neglected sidestreet has acquired an interesting ambience in recent years . . . small pubs, boutiques and restaurants have opened to cater to Jerusalemites whose tastes have become more sophisticated and cosmopolitan.

In the heart of the street a sign announces: Off the Square — a kosher dairy restaurant in a charming garden setting, with seating both inside and out. The genial host who personally greets the guests, and knows many of them by name, is Australian-born Dr. Robert Vasl.

His restaurant is a great success, but nothing was further from his mind when he first made aliya in 1972 as a young student. He studied for a BSc at Bar-Ilan University near Tel Aviv, gained his MSc at the Hebrew University and then took a doctorate in science at the Technion in Haifa.

A year's postgraduate research followed with a scholarship to the prestigious John Hopkins University in Baltimore.

All the studies, plus his marriage to New Zealander Wendy Robinson, a sojourn in his native Australia and a return to Israel in 1982 were crammed into a decade, for Robert is now 33 and he and his wife have produced a family of four children.

However, Vasl soon found out that a microbiologist's salary in Israel was not sufficient to sustain a family of six and his original idea of laboratory work in infectious diseases was replaced by a more realistic one. When he found a rundown restaurant that he felt could be built up, he decided to take up the challenge and try something new.

Originally he began with an Australian partner, but now he is running it on his own with the help of highly capable staff. When he bought Off the Square it consisted of one room with 24 seats. Now it can seat 150 guests inside, with 80 additional places in the garden patio — a great favorite with summer diners who find the outdoor starlit setting appealing.

Former Australians use the restaurant as a meeting place, but all the nations seem to be represented. Conversations buzz in Hebrew, English and a smattering of European languages from the many tourists who frequent the place.

The menu shows a lot of imagination for, although no meat is served, the wide range of soya products available in Israel make it possible to offer vegetarian and kosher versions of hotdogs and shnitzel as well as Italian specialities like spaghetti bolognaise and lasagne with mock meat.

Australian Robert Vasl socializing with customers at his Off the Square restaurant in downtown Jerusalem.

The steady stream of diners from morning until late at night attests to the success Vasl has made of his charming restaurant, but he resists the many offers he's had from investors to duplicate Off the Square in other Israeli venues. "Eventually, when a suitable offer presents itself, I'll go back to my first love — science," he insists.

Vasl is one of the many immigrants who were flexible enough to change their options completely to adapt both to their own economic needs and that of Israeli society, making a great success of his alternative choice.

But when the time is right, Vasl hopes again to don a white coat and spend his days behind a microscope instead of cheerfully greeting guests at his popular Jerusalem restaurant.

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Flower named for Shosh Spektor

Palmach leader left mark on IDF

By
SUSAN BASS

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— As the Axis armies neared Palestine in the spring of 1941, the Haganah, the "official" Jewish military organization of the Yishuv, responded to the threat of Nazi invasion by creating a new assault force: the Palmach. The new force consisted of volunteers prepared to report for active service whenever and wherever required and they received intense military training.

Among the first to volunteer for the new force was a young woman named Shosh Spektor. The same week, she had become a widow, at age 26. Her husband, Zvi Spektor, a veteran figure in the Haganah, was lost on a Haganah/Palmach mission.

Spektor had commanded a small boat which set out from Haifa with 23 men aboard, with the aim of sabotaging oil refineries in Axis-controlled Tripoli (Lebanon). The entire company vanished without a trace.

Shosh Spektor — at the time, mother of a newborn son — went on to demonstrate her own brand of courage, both on and off the battlefield. She took part in a number of military actions and proved her physical stamina as a soldier. But her principal contribution to the Palmach lay in the intelligence, energy and determination she brought to her numerous administrative roles.

Spektor quickly rose to the post of chief secretary of the Palmach. She was the only woman who took part in the key decision-making of the High Staff of the Palmach, sitting on the 5-member high command. This core of the Palmach leadership made all the decisions about operations.

Spektor also served as commander for the women in the Palmach. It was she who decided which courses women would take, which units they would join, on which actions they would be sent. Micha Peri, former member of the Palmach, recalls: "Everything to do with women in the Palmach was done with and by Shosh. Nothing was done without her."

The role of women in Israel's armed forces today, developed directly from Shosh Spektor's decisions about women's roles in the Palmach. At the same time that she served as chief secretary and as women's commander, Spektor took on the additional task of Palmach chief welfare officer.

Micha Peri explains: "It is important to remember that in those days we had no army. We had no methods for transporting wounded men to the hospital, treating them, notifying families of the wounded or the dead or providing money to help support those families."

Spektor created systems to service all these needs. In effect she developed the welfare system later adopted by the Israel Defence Forces.

A variety of the Israeli Gerbera flower, each of which bears the name of a woman Palmach fighter who fell in the struggle for a Jewish state.

She demonstrated her determined devotion to this work when in November, 1948 — six months after Israel declared its independence — Ben-Gurion ordered the dissolution of the Palmach, insisting that all military units in the country be fully incorporated into the Israel Defence Forces.

Shosh Spektor was awarded the rank of major in the IDF. She was rumored to have been offered — and turned it down — the chief of Chen (the Women's Force of IDF) Officer. Instead Spektor stubbornly continued with the tasks of Palmach chief welfare officer, arranging for treatment and rehabilitation of 1500 wounded fighters, as if the Palmach still existed. She also set about the task of gathering and organizing the Palmach archives. For a year and a half she worked alone at these tasks, continuing to provide an address for those who had served in the Palmach.

From 1941 through 1948, the Palmach engaged in sabotage, supported the "illegal" immigration of Jews into Palestine, and defended the Jewish population of the Yishuv. The Palmach also served as a training ground where Israel's soldiers learned military tactics. Shosh Spektor's career spanned the entire course of the Palmach's existence. Her imprint on the force was considerable. To many, she *was* the Palmach.

Three decades later, Spektor set out to perform a final service for the fighters of the Palmach. From her home in Ramat Hashavim, she approached Yosef Shoub, an agronomist specializing in flower cultivation. Shoub has developed numerous new varieties of the gerbera (similar to the African daisy) in his hothouses on Moshav Ganei Am.

Spektor, a lover of flowers, offered to work in the hothouses as a volunteer, asking only one thing in return: that each new variety of gerbera bear the name of a woman Palmach fighter who fell in the struggle for the Jewish state.

The first flower, a vivid scarlet, bacame Hannah Senesh. The second, a deep orange, commemorated Haviva Reich. Others followed, each memorializing a young woman who faded before coming into full bloom.

Shosh Spektor died in February, 1985, at age 70. A velvety red Gerbera with a dark centre bears her name.

Drip irrigation brings profits to Israeli firm

JERUSALEM — Netafim, the firm which pioneered Hebrew University drip irrigation equipment, recorded a turnover of $30 million in 1986, with sales to 47 countries.

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The cast of The Big Restaurant (from left) Rasan Abbas, Basam Zoyaoumut, Khalil Khaldi, and (seated) Jacques Cohen.

Makes Saturday evenings enjoyable

The Big Restaurant a top Israeli sit-com

By
LAURENCE AGRON

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Saturday nights on Israel television have become more enjoyable recently, since the return to the screen of the all-time favorite comedy The Big Restaurant.

One of Israel's first situation comedies, The Big Restaurant stars Jewish actor Jacques Cohen and Arab actors Basam Zoyaomut, Rasan Abbas and Khalil Khaldi. According to the show's producer, Uzi Peled, the program is not merely entertaining, but serves as a "cultural bridge between Arab and Jewish populations."

Peled relishes the international flavor of the Restaurant, which is modelled on some of the dining establishments of East Jerusalem. Although both Jews and Arabs are customers, the main clientele are tourists. In each episode you may hear Hebrew, Arabic, English, French or German.

Peled argues, "Everyone can watch it without knowing either Hebrew or Arabic and understand quite a lot." But most of the dialogue is in Arabic, with Hebrew subtitles. However, subtitled editions were prepared and sold in Scandinavia and Australia.

Peled volunteers that during last year's run of the series, an Arab friend of his returned from a trip to Jordan and said that on Saturdays at 7 p.m. in Amman, faces were pressed up against the windows of TV and video stores, while others watched The Big Restaurant in public places such as restaurants and coffee houses.

But Arabs and Jews alike, from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds, delight in the antics of restaurant owner Abu Rami (Jacques Cohen); the hefty chef, Hakim (Basam Zoyaomut); the handsome gigolo waiter, Abdu (Rasan Abbas); and the diminutive, expressive deaf waiter, Ma'aruf (Khalil Khaldi).

Peled was one of the founders of Israel Television and over the years has become quite an astute judge of talent. He knew that the choice of actors was critical as was the chemistry between them.

Many who have witnessed the rapport among the cast members thought they had worked together for years, but some of them had known each other only a few months before the series began. The group meet socially off the set and have a genuine fondness for one another.

Family of entertainers

Rasan Abbas comes from a family of entertainers and has appeared in both Hebrew and Arab productions. He is also a reflective man who is not averse to reading Isaac Bashevis Singer during the brief breaks on the set.

Basam Zoyaomut, also a veteran of Hebrew and Arabic language theatre, gets many of the show's belly laughs. Khalil Khaldi's character required him to study sign language and introduces a sensitive element to the production.

The scripts are not sophisticated and occasionally make use of slapstick. In a particularly hilarious episode, the restaurant is thrown into an uproar during a visit by patrons who turn out to be a troupe of magicians. The staff frantically tries to piece together the chef, who appears to have been sawn in half.

The chief writer and floor director, Eli Sagi, is well-known in Israeli film circles and as a playwright. He and Peled discussed the idea for the program and at once and simultaneously suggested that Jacques Cohen would be perfect for the role of the harried restaurant owner.

Cohen is a story unto himself. He was born in Alexandria, Egypt, and although he's lived in Jerusalem since the age of 4, he still speaks fluent Arabic, and six other languages besides. His list of stage and film credits is formidable and he is quite an authority on comedy, having starred in Adel and Samira, a popular Arabic language comedy on Israeli television from 1969-1972.

Cohen gives a virtuoso performance with his hands and face as well as his voice and employs a rich variety of expressions and contortions to convey mild displeasure, sober propriety, sleazy insincerity, utter panic and unbridled rage.

Both Peled and Cohen hope that in the near future the United States, Canada, and European countries might show interest in a variation of the show, perhaps with even more of an international milieu. They have plans to film a comedy in Israel about an Italian restaurant near the United Nations in New York.

Cohen's eyes sparkle when he describes the mayhem arising from the interaction between the colorful characters: tourists, local New Yorkers, and the army of diplomats. Peled has the scripts and the talent but as of yet, not the necessary financial backers.

In the meantime, both Jews and Arabs alike are making their weekly reservations for the rich feast of comedy at The Big Restaurant.

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Medieval Jerusalem records contain many surprises

By
ZE'EV FISHER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The archives of East Jerusalem's Moslem Religious Court contain a treasury of previously unknown details about daily life in the Holy City, going back to the 16th century. This has been the exciting discovery of Prof. Amnon Cohen of the Hebrew University's Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, who has been greatly surprised by some of the information that the court records reveal.

The Moslem authorities have given Cohen access to the legal papers covering the era of Ottoman Turkish control of Jerusalem, which started in the mid-16th century and ended with the British conquest of 1917. Thus Cohen is now faced with the enormous task of sifting through tens of thousands of documents.

19th century with the setting up of European consulates and religious institutions in Jerusalem, it was no longer practical to discriminate against Jews and Christians.

Cohen explains that the Moslem Religious Court in Turkish times was empowered to judge on all aspects of the law. Consequently the papers offer a unique insight into social, economic, criminal, civil and religious matters. Judgment was made by a Turkish judge who was assisted by four Arab deputy judges, who, although not biased against Jews and Christians, often took bribes.

Cohen knows from other sources that judgments were frequently influenced by cash payments but the favorable judgment would always go to the highest bidder regardless of whether he were Jew, Christian or Moslem.

Women it seems, did not get such a fair deal. Cohen has found one case of alleged rape in the 16th century which was dismissed by the judge because the plaintiff could bring forward no witnesses. As the records reveal, the woman herself encapsulated the "Catch-22" situation that she was caught in when she told the judge that the man would obviously have never raped her if witnesses had been present.

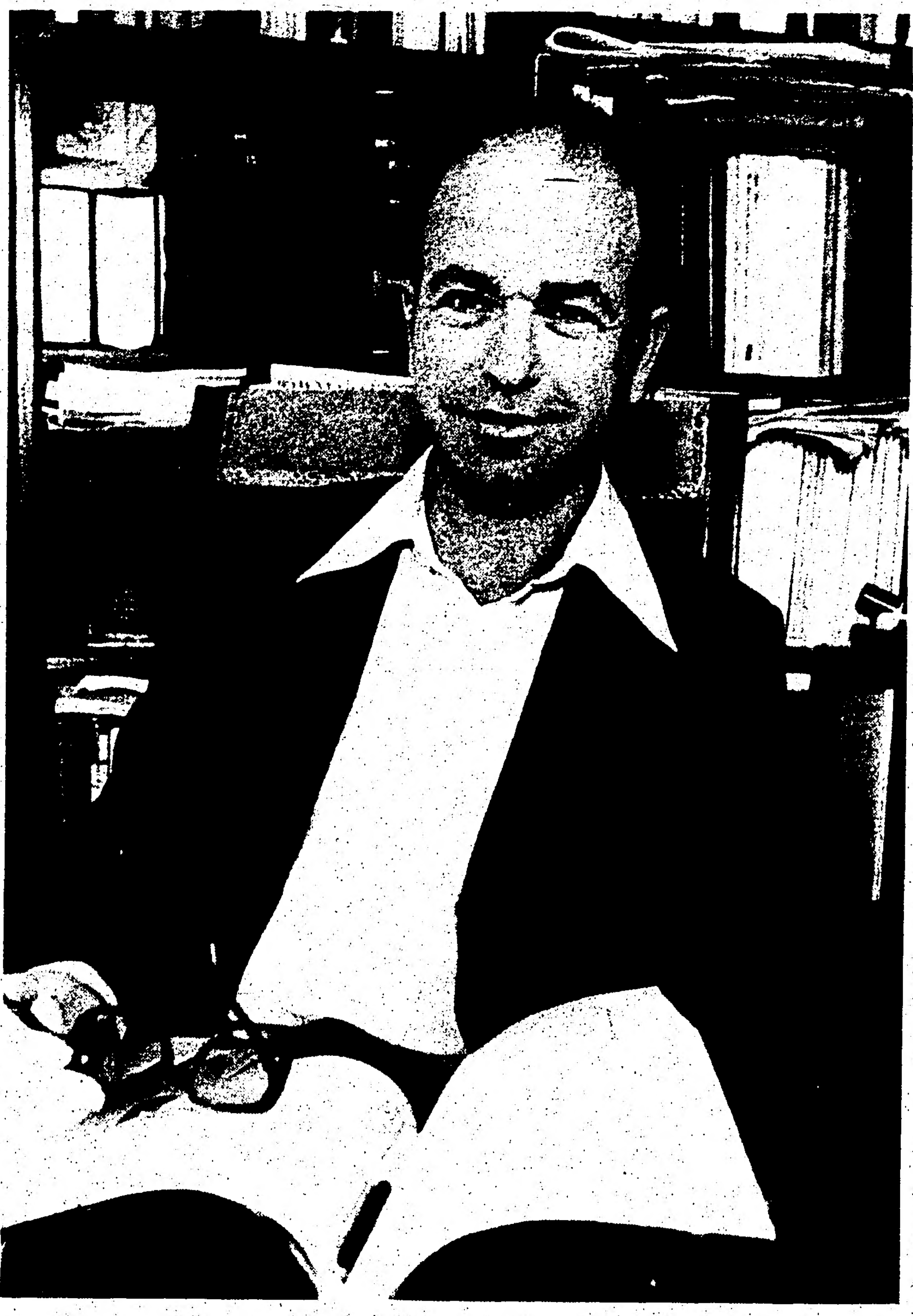
The few murderers that Cohen has found were sentenced to death, usually by strangling, while thieves received fines, whippings and prison sentences. The harsh Moslem punishment of amputating limbs was never imposed in Jerusalem.

Most cases were economic and contractual rather than criminal. Indeed the economic picture of 16th century Jerusalem that the legal documents portray has changed Cohen's perception of the city at that time: "It seems that Jerusalem in the 16th century was a far more dynamic place than historians have previously thought," he observes.

"The papers reveal that sophisticated legislation existed at that time concerning such matters as price regulations to curb inflation and rationing to control the provision of food and other commodities."

Cohen notes that at the time of the Ottoman conquest in the mid-16th century, Jerusalem had a population of 15,000 of whom 85% were Moslems, 10% Jews and 5% Christians. The city included a thriving soap industry and contained many jewelers, silversmiths, goldsmiths and artisans. There was no major pilgrim industry but many visitors did come to the city at times like Passover and Easter.

Cohen says that he has barely scratched the surface in examining these papers. When, if the Moslem authorities allow him to continue his research, he has delved more deeply into the papers, he will be able to shed light on life in Jerusalem during an era about which very little is known.



Prof. Amnon Cohen in his study, working on the court records made available to him by the East Jerusalem Moslem Religious Court.

Pushing ahead with research

Scanning papers from the 16th century to the late 19th century, he has been scrutinizing, photocopying and translating selected cases. Cohen fears that political pressure from Arab sources on the Moslem Religious Court may compel them at any time to stop cooperating with the Hebrew University. He is therefore pushing ahead with his research as rapidly as possible.

Cohen was unusually surprised at the fairness with which the Turkish Moslem administration dealt with both Jews and Christians. He has so far not found a single case where a legal wrangle between a Moslem and non-Moslem has received a biased judgment in favor of the Moslem. "However, you must remember that the law itself discriminated against Jews and Christians," Cohen hastens to add.

"As monotheists, Jews and Christians were officially designated as protected peoples. But they were forbidden to do many things. For example they could not ride horses, carry weapons or build houses of worship. They had to wear special clothes and pay higher taxes. These were typical of laws against Jews and Christians throughout the Islamic world. But in Jerusalem, provided a Jew observed the law, he was treated fairly."

Cohen has found that while these laws were enforced in the 16th century with modest fines imposed against offenders, by the

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Para-rabbi program for small centres

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. (JTA) —

In a remote town with six Jewish families, creating a sense of Jewish community can be as difficult as finding a rabbi.

Rich Schwag of Lyndonville hopes to provide a solution for New Hampshire, southern Quebec and Vermont Jewry — a "pararabbinic" studies program in which rabbis teach Jewish ritual to Jewish residents.

The program, set to begin this month, will consist of bi-monthly Sunday classes in locations no farther than a 3-hour drive from any of the students. Jews in Maine, who live at least five hours away, will begin their own parallel program, Schwag said.

An estimated 9,400 Jews live in Maine, 6,000 in New Hampshire, and 2,500 in Vermont. No estimates of southern Quebec are available.

Schwag is a self-taught "para-rabbi" who teaches a weekly Torah class and sometimes leads services at the Beth El Synagogue in nearby St. Johnsbury, Vt., which has 30-35 families. He stressed in an interview with JTA that his program is not seeking to usurp the rabbinate, but rather to enhance the Judaism of his isolated brethren.

Jews in remote areas

"All Jews are required to learn," he said, "but with the only rabbi around living two hours away, and with so few Jews living here, it is unlikely that we will ever be able to hire a rabbi. Therefore, we must do it ourselves. We must find ways of learning ourselves and teaching others."

Schwag, 34, said he "always had a strong Jewish identity." He grew up in Philadelphia, but now lives in a 3-storey house he built here on 16 acres complete with ponds, streams and a garden. An environmental conservationist, he also did his own landscaping.

Jews live in remote areas primarily to be close to nature and live in an agrarian society, he noted. "It's so peaceful out here and I don't want to give that up," he said. "But at the same time I still want to stay Jewish."

His Jewish isolation doesn't seem to get him down. "I feel that although it is hard to find people who are interested in Jewish life and studying, I know that there are Jews all over the world studying the same things that I am studying," he said.

The rabbis, who are volunteering to help the para-rabbi program, are from all branches of Judaism. "It is very important that we develop a sense of 'Clal Yisrael' (Jewish unity)," Schwag said.

"That is actually easier for us to do up here because there are no battle lines between the movements and no Jewish bureaucracy. There are so few Jews that we must all stick together."

The program is intended to be a model. "I want to spread the idea," he said. "Maybe I'll start traveling around, helping other people to set up their own programs."

Schwag said he has personally footed the start-up costs of $4,000, and is hoping to find sponsors. "Even $4,000 can make a big difference, and $12,000 can fund us for a whole year," he said.

Jews from Maine, New Hampshire, southern Quebec and Vermont began meeting five years ago with the first Conference on Judaism in Rural New England, an annual weekend retreat that attracts 200-250 people.

The first conference began in an attempt to build Jewish community and inspire Jewish living, study and the establishment of Jewish institutions.

"These conferences once a year are very important, but they are not sufficient to preserve a religious environment," said Schwag who presented the outline for his program at the most recent conference earlier this year.

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Building first opened in 1854

Israel's newest hospital builds on country's past

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— The new Misgav Ladach hospital, officially opened earlier this year, might be the city's newest hospital building, but it is also the country's oldest Jewish hospital. Originally located within the Old City walls, the hospital was first opened in 1854.

However, the inaugural ceremony for the 4-floor maternity hospital, was not greeted with universal approval. Some senior officials in the health ministry feel that at a time when Israel's health resources are financially stretched, the new Misgav Ladach hospital is a luxury that the country cannot afford. In particular, these officials want Misgav Ladach to drop its specialization in maternity care and give some of its wards to geriatric patients.

Reuven Kashani, director-general of Misgav Ladach asserts that the hospital's plans will go ahead unchanged. "A few disgruntled officials have captured the headlines," he claims, "but most people in the ministry of health appreciate that a new maternity hospital is badly needed. We would never have received the appropriate licences if we did not meet with the approval of the health establishment."

It was in fact back in 1854 that Misgav Ladach, also known as the Rothschild Hospital, was opened in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City. Most of the hospital's patients at that time were from Jerusalem's Sephardi community. The original hospital was damaged by the Turks in 1917 and its furniture appropriated for firewood. It was repaired, then destroyed, this time by the Jordanians in 1948 when they razed the entire Jewish Quarter.

The hospital then moved into an Arab house in the Katamon area of Jerusalem. Over the years small wings and sundry rooms have been added but the health ministry informed Misgav Ladach some years ago that their facilities were grossly inadequate and that a new building had to be sought.

"As far as Misgav Ladach's future was concerned," stresses Kashani, "it was either a move to a new building, or closing down completely. We could not continue in our 'temporary' house. We owe it to our patients to give them the best that modern medicine has to offer."

Bearing in mind that Misgav Ladach was the first Jewish hospital to be established in Eretz Israel, it was unlikely that the health authorities would have allowed it to close down. Sentiment has also made it easy to raise philanthropic funds for the construction of the new building both in Israel and overseas. Chairman of the board of the new hospital and principal donor is the Anglo-Jewish businessman Leon Tamman.

The personal touch at Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach Hospital.

Misgav Ladach has offered its present premises as a geriatric facility, if the government is preparedd to pay the $600,000 that the hospital would otherwise receive from the sale of the property. This money, Kashani claims, is needed by Misgav Ladach in order to complete its new building.

"There is a general concensus," says Kashani, "that Jerusalem needs a maternity hospital in this neighborhood. At present, pregnant women have to travel to the outskirts of the city for maternity care and for those without cars this is a great inconvenience."

While Misgav Ladach has kept its historical links with Jerusalem's Sephardi community, it also has a special appeal for the middle-class Ashkenazi inhabitants of nearby neighborhoods like the German Colony and Baka.

The hospital has taken an innovative lead in introducing progressive childbirth techniques involving both mother and father. Childbirth courses held at the hospital, like the one given by American-born Shoshana Goldbaum, attract 750 participants each year. Here they are taught about pregnancy, childbirth, breast feeding and raising young children.

Kashani also lists other activities that will take place at the new Misgav Ladach. These will include an early cancer detection unit, designed to provide women with a mass screening service which will include breast and gynecological examinations, and a sexology and urology clinic to determine whether patients' problems are physical or psychological.

In addition there will be a dental clinic, an eye clinic, and a mother and child (tipat halav) clinic serving the local neighborhood as well as lectures in preventive medicine. Misgav Ladach will also house a Magen David Addom ambulance and emergency station for the south and east of the city.

Most of these clinics will be on the ground floor. On the two floors above will be delivery rooms and rooms for patients (providing 54 beds), operating theatres, recovery rooms, newborn and premature departments and an exercise room for pregnant women.

For the time being the top floor will remain empty due to lack of funds, though Misgav Ladach's management is seriously considering a profit-making enterprise specializing in medical treatment for tourists, possibly in coordination with dermatological treatment offered at the Dead Sea.

The hospital will also include a banqueting hall for 'brit mila' celebrations, and a reconstruction of Misgav Ladach's original synagogue. This reconstruction reinforces Kashani's point that while the new Misgav Ladach will utilize the most modern medical techniques and equipment, it will not discard the importance of traditional healing factors like faith and personal care.

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New IDF chief of staff has many achievements

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Earlier this year, Lt.-Gen. Dan Shomron became Israel's 13th chief of general staff, replacing Lt.-Gen. Moshe Levy who had completed his term of office as head of the Israel Defence Forces.

Shomron is already a legend in his own lifetime. His achievements in battle reveal a hero, but his brash personality, his critics would say arrogant, has made his appointment controversial.

Born in Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'akov in 1937, he could not adjust to life back on the kibbutz after completing his compulsory army service and decided to rejoin the army. By the Six Day War in 1967 he was commander of a reconnaissance unit that broke through Egyptian lines in the Gaza Strip and northern Sinai and conquered the northern end of the Suez Canal.

By 1973 he was a brigade commander and despite heavy losses repelling the initial attacks of the Yom Kippur War, he led his men over the Suez Canal and helped complete the encirclement of the Egyptian Third Army.

Shomron's finest and most famous hour came in 1976. As chief infantry and paratroop officer he commanded the raid on Entebbe that rescued the hostages from the hijacked Air France aircraft and dealt a severe blow to international terrorism.

Like most Israeli officers, though a proven soldier he yearns for peace. As chief of Southern Command he oversaw the IDF's redeployment from the Sinai to the Negev following the Camp David peace treaty with Egypt.

On being appointed chief of staff he spoke confidently of the future: "I don't accept that war with Syria is inevitable," he said. "Syria represents a hard line policy, in which it is isolated today against any negotiations. But Syria knows what we know: that alone it is incapable of building an army that can achieve its goals."

Not that Shomron has naive illusions about Israel's neigbors. He strongly believes that Israel must maintain its qualitative edge over the combined Arab armies. He is against the Lavi fighter jet that Israel is developing, feeling that it would be better to purchase the U.S.-made F-16 aircraft, devoting the Lavi money to other, in his opinion, more important, high-tech projects.

Shomron also attaches the greatest importance to psychological factors like morale. He feels that the Egyptians were ultimately defeated in 1967 and 1973 because their soldiers lacked the will to fight. Many anecdotes demonstrate Shomron's mastery of psychology. The most famous story relates to an incident in the Sinai in 1967 during the Six Day War when, caught alone with his driver by 12 Egyptian soldiers, he bluffed them into surrendering their arms by making them believe that they were in Israeli-held territory.

Dan Shomron

Shomron's maverick behavior has often antagonized his colleagues in the army. When Raphael Eitan was chief of staff and Shomron was head of Southern Command, he refused Eitan's order to impose a harsher control over the Gaza Strip, claiming that such a decision should be taken at a political rather than military level. The fact that the then Prime Minister Menachem Begin sided with Shomron did not enamor him to the opponents of his stand.

Subsequently, Shomron was sent abroad to study in America in 1982 and missed the Lebanon war.

When Yitzhak Rabin became defence minister in 1984 he was appointed deputy chief of staff, despite the opposition for personal reasons of Chief of Staff Moshe Levy. Since then Levy has done everything possible to block the advancement of Shomron but to no avail.

For better or for worse, Shomron's appointment demonstrates that the politicians still have control over the military. By law the defence minister recommends a new chief of staff and the cabinet must approve the candidate. It is nothing new for an incumbent chief of staff to oppose his successor. Levy's predecessor, Rafael Eitan was against his nomination and in his turn Eitan was not liked by Mordechai Gur.

Nevertheless, Levy leaves a more united army than the one that he found on assuming office in 1983. He has successfully withdrawn the IDF from Lebanon and healed the bitter division that the invasion of Lebanon had caused.

Shomron takes office at a relatively peaceful period in the IDF's short but eventful history, but unrest in the administered territories and tensions on the Lebanese border are sure to keep him busy.

If, however, he can maintain the current no-war situation, while retaining the IDF's traditional qualitative edge in the face of rapid technological change, his time as Israel's chief of general staff will have been a success.

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“Late bloomer” becomes bestselling writer

Jewish author writes of Japanese adventurer

By
EDWARD GROSSMAN

SAFED (JPFS) —
He won't believe that he's a bestselling writer until he sees the money. And Dov Silverman won't see it until October because, as he says with the wry laugh of a man who's just learning the wrinkles of the book business, publishers pay royalties to their authors only twice a year.

“As of two months ago, The Fall of the Shogun had sold 50,000 copies in softback in England,” says Silverman. “At what comes to 32 cents royalty per copy, we figure that means $16,000 waiting for us in the bank in London.

“But we don't know exactly how much, so we don't know if we can afford the trip — we borrowed to the hilt, you see, and cashed in everything when I stopped teaching and went all out as a writer.”

Silverman uses the first person plural often. His wife, Janet, with whom he came to Safed from New York 15 years ago, is his teammate.

“Without her,” he says, “it just wouldn't have gotten done,” he says, referring to the rousing tale of John Mungo, a Japanese who adventures around the globe in the last century. “I do the writing, and Janet tells me whether it's right or not.”

Asked whether Collins-Grafton of London, Glasgow, Toronto, Sydney and Auckland, her husband's only publisher so far, hoped to ride the wave of interest in Japan stirred up by James Clavell's books, Janet says: “That's exactly what they told us when they bought The Fall of the Shogun.

“They told us there was a built-in audience out there, and it didn't matter what the reviewers said.”

“Clavell is really the man who started the whole interest in Japan,” says Dov. “He deserves the credit for that. But I didn't know anything about him or his work when I conceived my own idea.

“My outline was presented in 1970, years before he published. And I didn't read his Shogun until I had finished the second or third draft of my book for fear that I would take something from him.

“If you notice, his book doesn't appear in my bibliography at the end.”

Indeed, The Fall of the Shogun, a novel, comes with a bibliography. This doesn't seem inappropriate, for the hero is based on Mangiro, a shipwrecked Japanese of whom Dov first heard while taking a university course in Far Eastern history.

Dov was a middle-aged college student, a Brooklyn boy from a bare-knuckle neighborhood who went to Korea with the Marines right after high school and was later a conductor for 18 years on the Long Island Railway.

By his own description, he is a “late bloomer.” He only got his Bachelor's degree at the age of 39, and his idea for a book on John Mungo was first presented to the history department at Stonybrook in New York as a research project toward a higher degree.

It was approved, but before Dov could do much work on it, he and Janet decided that the time had come for them to move to Israel.

“When we came here, I had to put the book aside for a while,” says Dov. “I went to work teaching English in Safed, and Janet was a nurse.

“We found an old Arab house to remodel, but all the time, I was thinking about the book — and thinking about it always as a novel — you can get history over to more people that way. . . .

“We had lots of problems with literary agents here and in the U.S.,” says Janet with the good humor of someone who has seen some problems solved.

“Simply because of an incompetent agent here, we wasted two whole years. Then we were guided to an English agent, Bill Hamilton, by Lorna Soifer of the Book Publishers' Association of Israel.”

“Bill suggested revisions, I did what he asked, and he sold the book,” says Dov. “One of the things he wanted me to do was to build up the sex scenes. I went back and did it — after all, I'm an ex-Marine sergeant!”

John Mungo's further adventures, set forth in the Black Dragon, were bought by Collins-Grafton and the manuscript is being edited for publication next year.

Dov, meanwhile, is also working on an autobiography, an anti-terrorist thriller and a play about down-and-outers on the waterfront in New York. He describes himself now in his curriculum vitae as “full-time writer,” no longer teaching English.

It's easier for him to write here than in the States, says Dov, because there “I was living in a Christian country, a great country, but still a Christian country.

“Here I'm a Jew in a Jewish country, so I feel freer and I write better. This doesn't apply so much to The Fall of the Shogun and its sequel, The Black Dragon, because they're not so personal. In Israel, you see, I'm acting rather than reacting.

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Aussie returns home for the best bagels

By
IRENE DAVIS

SYDNEY, Australia — "The bagels here are different," says Sydneysider Ed Finsten, once of Toronto. "There's not that real Eglinton Avenue bagel."

"When I was in Toronto recently," he recalls, "I went with my brother to the Open Window Bakery and we loaded up with carts of rye bread with triple caraway seeds, bagels and all the goodies.

"We went down Eglinton Ave. and bought smoked carp — they don't have it here. But I was astounded," he continues, "to find that smoked salmon is cheaper in Australia than in Toronto."

And then there is the harbor with its beauty complemented by the 503-metre span Harbor Bridge and the delicately crafted shells of the Opera House.

Still, Finsten admits that without his former wife's family circle to welcome him, he probably would have returned to Canada. The Canadian Australian Club he founded in 1965 was his link with home.

"I think that was a way of expressing homesickness," he muses. "My ex-wife was Australian, all her friends were Australians. I wanted that Canadian bond."

He has since made friends among Australians — "I would venture to say that 60% of my clients are now my personal friends" — and has so thoroughly adapted that he now says, "I used to miss Canada. I used to draw comparisons in my mind all the time. I don't any longer."

He laughs as he recalls his early difficulties with Australia's driving system: As in England, one drives on the left, the car's controls are on the right. "After a month you don't know any better"— i.e. you get used to it.

Gastronomic memories aside, Finsten, 50, an engineer specializing in air pollution control, remains as captivated by Sydney as when he first saw it about a quarter of a century ago.

"My God," he said then, "I can sail for 12 months of the year!" Two and a half years later, in April 1965, Finsten and his Australian wife (they have since divorced) settled in Sydney.

It's not hard to become hooked on Sydney with its miles of beaches — all public. After 4 p.m. these beaches blossom with business types stopping for a swim on their way home from work.

In Martin Place — a broad pedestrian mall in the downtown core — people listen to the band over a "take away" lunch picked up at any of the nearby restaurants. People throng the outdoor cafes overlooking the square.

Ed Finsten

There are, Finsten concedes, some thorns in lotusland. "I can get no assistance from the government to help me in my business whereas I believe in Canada and the United States if a small businessman wants to expand the government is quite ready, willing and able." Taxes are high, he adds.

Restaurants are expensive! One lunch for four came to a rather incredible $80 Australian. As Sydneysiders point out, there is no tipping, but even allowing for that, costs are high.

Still, Sydney's charms outweigh its difficulties. Finsten says that Canadians, because of the British heritage and Commonwealth ties, are very well accepted in Australia — "home in house," as the Aussies phrase it.

Canadians return that feeling: climate (warm) and lifestyle (easy-going) are enticing to inhabitants of the land where the North Wind blows.

Denny Stimpson of the Canadian Consulate estimates 10,000 to 30,000 Canadians live in Australia, 5,000 to 15,000 of whom are in Sydney.

As for Ed Finsten, Canada is the place for bagels, but Sydney is home.

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New malls cater to big city tastes

By
JOANNE TARR

Jerusalem's two new shopping malls. Centre One is a large ultra-modern shopping centre with reflecting ceiling panels and video screens.

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Although not a new phenomenon in Jerusalem, two new fashionable malls have recently opened their doors to the public, offering traditional big city shopping.

Centre One and The Mill shopping plazas are both designed to attract natives and tourists with upscale boutiques and restaurants, but the two have distinctly different flavors: Centre One, which is a good deal larger than The Mill, boasts ultra-modern architecture while The Mill preserves a historic landmark.

Located at the edge of the city by the central bus station, Centre One will hopefully "stop people at the entrance to Jerusalem, "and show them that the same Tel Aviv merchandise can be purchased in Jerusalem," a mall spokesman proclaims. Most of the 35 shops now occupying two floors of the 6-storey complex are offsprings of Tel Aviv outfits.

The mall, patterned after European-style malls, endured a 7-year construction period. The decor of marble floors, copper railings and reflective ceiling panels conveys an ultra-modern ambience. An open air cafe, set in the middle of the arcade features two marble pillars upon which video screens are affixed.

Throughout the building 27 televisions show rock videos and advertisements and in the event that the mall hosts a fashion show or a speaker, the program can be seen on the screens.

Tourist services abound with El Al Airlines and Galilee Tours — one of the largest Israeli tourism companies — in residence. In addition, a 300-room, 3-star hotel will be directly attached to the mall. Plans to build a computerized tourist centre to provide hotel and travel information are also taking shape.

The four remaining floors of the building will be ready for business in the next six months. Visitors will be able to enjoy four cinemas, a large self-service restaurant, and an entire floor reserved for toy stores which will be fully equipped with a nursery for parents to leave their children free of charge.

An interesting dimension to the multifaceted arcade is the presence of two "Old City" shops, owned by East Jerusalem Arabs; the first such major ventures in an Israeli shopping complex in Jerusalem. The Christian Arab owner of the Old City Bazaar shop hired a Jewish manager to handle both Jewish and Arab employees.

The wares — brass and copper art, Bedouin clothes, Middle Eastern sweets and coffee — are the same as those sold in the Arab market but the transactions are void of bargaining.

On the other side of town in Jerusalem's fashionable Rehavia district, a renovated 19th century windmill is the focal point of the distinctive Mill shopping plaza. The modest-sized, attractive building houses fashion boutiques, a jewelery shop, an art gallery, two gift shops, a kosher Chinese restaurant, a gourmet food centre and a beauty parlor.

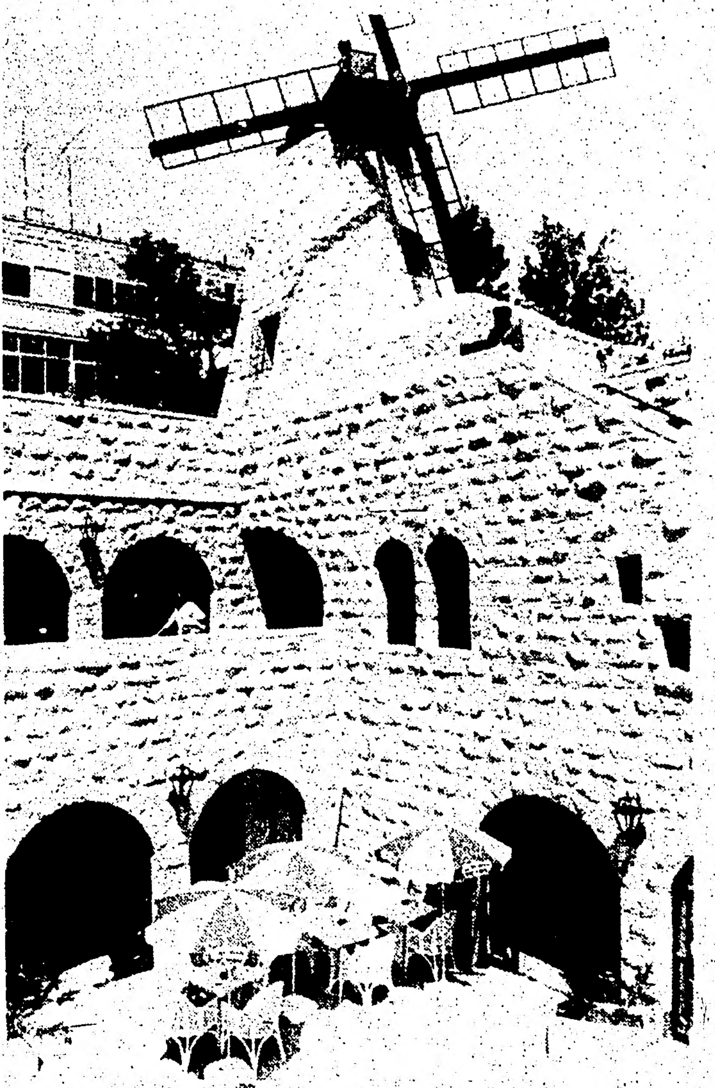
The Mill was marked for destruction in the 1970s to make way for a residential building, but the Jerusalem Municipality tried to purchase the windmill or have it moved in order to preserve it as a landmark. Attempts, however, failed. Then, in 1977, Jerusalem building contractor Matityahu Lifschitz accepted a proposal to design a commercial establishment incorporating the windmill.

The reconstruction of the mill for modern commmercial use is the first time Jerusalem authorities have adopted this type of policy.

Now the windmill where German Jewish architect Erich Mendelsohn lived in the 1930s, stands tall over the lantern-lit, three-level mall. In the entance, an exhibit depicts the history of the Mill and the surrounding neighbourhood of Rehavia.

The top level incorporates a terrace around the windmill and on one side a Chinese restaurant beckons customers. The middle level is reserved for stores and the lower level features an outdoor cafe-gourmet shop.

Although the two malls are starkly different in that Centre One presents an audiovisual experience of the 80s while The Mill preserves a historical landmark, both intend to cater to big city tastes.



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Rabbi recalled as independent scholar

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — "A great man . . . the last of a type of independent scholar that no longer seems to exist," is how James Lord of Hamilton describes his friend, the late Rabbi Ernest Klein who died in February 1983 aged 83.

Klein was the distinguished scholar who published a Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary of the English Language, completed a similar work on Hebrew and worked on a dictionary of medical terms (see Diary of a People, CJN Jan. 29).

Lord is the man who befriended Klein during the last 10 or 12 years of his life and tried hard but unsuccessfully to obtain a Canada Council grant for him. It was also largely through Lord's efforts, and those of Gabriela Fisher of Etobicoke, that Klein received honorary doctorates from McMaster University and the University of Guelph in 1977 and was awarded the Order of Canada in 1978.

Klein later presented the holograph of the Hebrew dictionary to McMaster's Mills Memorial Library and Lord is preparing to give the manuscript of the medical dictionary to the McMaster Medical Centre library.

They met, Lord explained in a recent interview, as a result of a Globe & Mail article about Klein.

"I thought it was ridiculous that the government was giving large grants to all sorts of literary endeavors and here was a man who had such great knowledge and really needed the money for research. So I wrote to the Prime Minister, as I usually do when I'm annoyed, and I sent a copy to Rabbi Klein."

Klein called him up and invited Lord to come and see him. "He asked me if I would try and get him a grant from the government and this time we went the proper route." But to no avail. "We got stalled by all sorts of things and he never did get a grant."

From then on Lord visited Klein every Sunday afternoon. His recollections of him are affectionate and tinged with awe at Klein's encyclopedic knowledge.

Although Klein suffered two very serious illnesses in his last years, "he never lost that knowledge, only his recall of recent things."

"It was because of Rabbi Klein that I went back to school for my BA and my MA," remarks Lord, a grandfather of five and a church deacon. Family circumstances had forced him to drop out of school at 16 but inspired by Klein, he enrolled in English and philosophy courses at McMaster. He graduated in 1983, shortly after Klein's death.

Klein "knew more about the English language than any Englishman" but he first heard it at the age of 12. At 15 he read Shakespeare in his native Hungarian, then learned English in order to be able to read it the original.

Klein "could be quite irascible at times but we never ever had a disagreement," says Lord.

Once, in a fit of despondency over the difficulties of getting the medical dictionary published, Klein told Lord that he would "burn the whole thing." But Lord dissuaded him from doing so by reminding him that Virgil, too, had once threatened to burn his works.

"You take it then," Klein said to him and Lord still has the original draft. "The dictionary was never published and never will be because it is long out of date and new terms keep coming up all the time," Lord explains.

It was the Hebrew dictionary that Klein should have tried to have published, observes Lord. Instead, Klein sold the rights to the Canadian Friends of Haifa University, who planned to publish it "but ran out of money. It is a work of great value to schools of religious studies," says Lord. He is not sure what happened to it.

During Klein's first illness a public trustee took over his affairs and put all his books and documents into storage. In the move one box of the holograph to the Hebrew dictionary was lost.

After Klein received his honorary degree, Lord says "I told him he should give the remaining part of the written copy to McMaster." He agreed but "unfortunately all entries under T are missing. The manuscripts were stored in haberdasher's boxes and lying around on shelves in his office," recalls Lord.

Lord is fascinated that despite his great knowledge of English and Hebrew Klein, who also had a working knowledge of many other languages, "never set foot in his beloved England or his beloved Jerusalem." In fact, adds Lord, Klein never traveled anywhere. A 1-year stay in Paris after the war, where he was given a pulpit, "was only a stopover" before coming to Canada."

Klein's wife and son were killed in Czechoslovakia just before the war "by the peculiar method of being thrown out of the window." Klein himself survived Auschwitz and Dachau because, Lord continues, "he told me he became friendly with one of the guards, who brought him food.

The guard was apparently a scholar who was amazed that the rabbi knew more of German philosophy and history than he . . . and the rabbi was always willing to share his knowledge."

According to Lord, Klein lived in his latter years in Toronto with his only surviving sister, Elisabeth Horvath and her husband.

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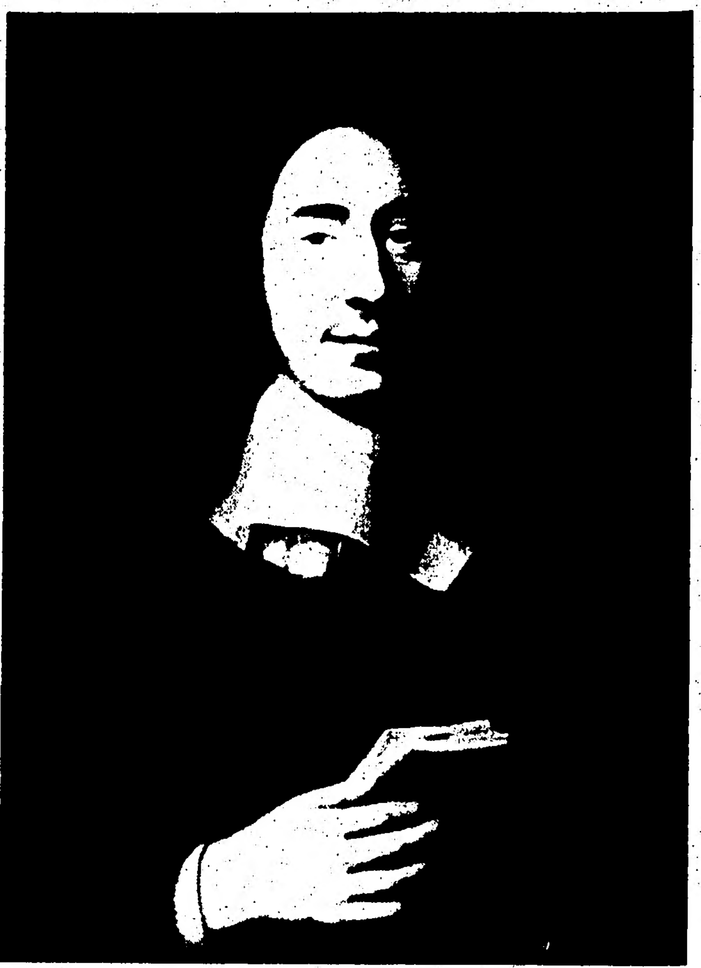
Professor seeking to "restore" Spinoza

By
HAIM SHAPIRO

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Where David Ben-Gurion failed to restore Spinoza to the Jewish fold through the repeal of a rabbinical ban against him, Hebrew University Professor Yirmiyahu Yovel hopes to succeed in the academic world.

Yovel, chairman of the newly established Jerusalem Spinoza Institute, says that Ben-Gurion went wrong by asking modern-day rabbis to rescind the ban that was placed on the 17th century Dutch-Jewish philosopher by the rabbis of his time.

"That's 300 years too late," says Yovel. "If you ask the Orthodox rabbis to readmit him, you confirm that they're the only authority."



"Portrait of Spinoza" by Samuel Van Hoogstraaten. [Religious News Service photo]

Earlier this year, the institute held the first of seven biennial conferences, in conjunction with the Jerusalem Book Fair, on "Spinoza by 2000." Each conference will deal with a specific aspect of the philosopher's work.

Yovel perceives Spinoza as "the first secular Jew," who, though he was excommunicated, never submitted to pressure to convert to Christianity. And that, says Yovel, at a time when no non-Orthodox option was available.

Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro refuses to join the debate on Spinoza: "The Chief Rabbinate," he says, "deals with Halacha and the living, not with philosophy and the dead."

His predecessor, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, has studied Spinoza and describes the philosopher as "a great thinker."

"We can learn from him," he says, "even if we don't agree with his actions." But on the subject of lifting the excommunication, Goren says simply: "I don't interest myself in bans."

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, a modern Orthodox rabbi who came to Israel from New York, believes that "one must understand the sanctions against Spinoza in their historical context. At that time, Spinoza and his anti-biblical statements presented a real threat to the Jewish people under siege.

"Today," says Riskin, "there is certainly something of real value that we have to learn from him and about the controversy that surrounded him."

Consequently, he adds, he doesn't oppose an international Spinoza conference.

Yovel describes Spinoza as the "greatest philosopher to ever emerge from the Jewish people," and cites his influence on Western thought and specifically on such figures as Goethe, Heine, Marx, Freud and Einstein.

In Judaism, he says, his influence is felt on a whole range of Haskala and Zionist thinkers.

Historically, Yovel says, it must be remembered that Spinoza came from a Marrano community, "hidden" Jews who were then finding their way back to Judaism.

Many members of the community had been born as Christians and the rabbis felt the need to enforce rigorous standards, Yovel says. Even in the last century, such a ban would have been inconceivable.

The major difference today is that there are now non-Orthodox options for Jews, either within Judaism itself or as non-religious Jews, says Yovel.

The idea of setting up an institute for the study of Spinoza is "a very Jewish way" of reinstating the philosopher, says Yovel, noting that the institute does not intend to remain "in an ivory tower" and wants to become involved in the problems of Jewish life.

This year's conference was devoted to the theme of God and Nature in Spinoza, dwelling on the philosopher's identification of the two as one and his belief that God's commands are the laws of nature.

This theme, Yovel adds, was approached as a philosophical problem and not as a polemic. Its natural development, he adds, was Einstein's expression that the divine resides in the rationality of the cosmos.

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Developing the Negev

Ben-Gurion's dream realized

By
RICK RAEL

Scientists from the Blaustein Desert Research Institute Hydrology Unit, measure available ground moisture using a radioactive isotope probe in the Negev desert.

SDE BOKER (WZPS) — A significant amount of the information recently pulished in this, the centennial year of David Ben-Gurion's birth, has taken a critical look at BG's dream of developing the vast potential of the Negev. Various committees, including one led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, have been established to attempt the revitalization of a region that roughly covers two-thirds of the area of Israel.

Some of the answers as to the direction of future growth in the Negev may be forthcoming from the Sde Boker Midrasha (college) on part of the Ben-Gurion University, located some 75 kilometres south of Beersheba and adjacent to the Sde Boker kibbutz.

Situated along the ridge overlooking the spectacular Zin valley, the college is an academic community that directs its research efforts exclusively to finding the means by which the Negev, and all arid zones throughout the world, may be populated.

Established in 1962 by the now-defunct Negev Foundation, the Midrasha is the realization of Ben-Gurion's belief that a community could be established where educator, scientist and student work and live together in order to seek solutions to the problems encountered when dwelling in the desert.

Shabtai Dover, associate director of the Midrasha's Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research and one of its 75 resident scientists says, "We're basically the prototype of a desert community where scientific research and education form the basis of our social and economic systems. And we're busy developing an international reputation because of our work here."

The Midrasha maintains an international flavor within a community of over 400 people by attracting scholars from major universities in Israel and from abroad. There are three academic faculties and separate research institutions that include, in addition to the Blaustein Institute, the Ben-Gurion Research Institute and Archives and the Blaustein International Centre for Desert Studies created in 1984.

The Midrasha also provides various residential facilities, a newly completed commercial centre and a network of medical, educational and social services for the 155 resident families.

Both the Blaustein Research Institute and its extension, the Centre for International Studies, generate one of the highest levels of activity into scientific desert research in the world, says Louis Berkofsky, director of the Blaustein Institute and a professor of desert meteorology at Ben-Gurion University.

Established by Jacob Blaustein, a close friend and ideological ally of Ben-Gurion, the institute was created, says Berkofsky, "to find the means so that the Negev may be settled by researching the basic environmental factors critical for a desert community's survival: water, housing, food, energy development, etc."

Berkofsky notes that research from the Institute has recently been responsible for helping the Sde Boker kibbutz adapt solar paneling to generate electrical energy. In the Negev development town Yeroham, solar research has contributed to heating a new school building. Desert moshavim, interested in the production of algal growth were assisted by Blaustein researchers and now are in the business of mass producing edible spirolina, sold in health food stores.

Encompassing every aspect of desert life, research at the institute is diverse and frequently innovative. In the area of water resources, for example, researchers are presently applying the 2000-year-old irrigation methods of the Nabateans at the nearby experimental farm of Avdat. Based on a process called run-off agriculture, it involved the collecting of natural run-off water from the occasional winter rainstorms which is then channeled into small cultivated fields.

Other areas of research employ far more modern methods than were available to the Nabateans. Scientists have been experimenting with salt-tolerant crops that allow desert farmers to irrigate with abundant yet saline water sources below the Negev surface. Other research is exploring the development of a water carrier that would channel all the Negev's underground water supply, thus utilizing about 300 million cubic metres of water a year.

The institute also concentrates on the social psychological factors that are crucial considerations in the settlement and urbanization of the Negev. At the social studies department, among the major topics of research are the development problems of new towns and urban neighborhoods, and the impact of industrialization in kibbutzim and moshavim. With the cooperation of the university's Department of Behavioral Sciences, all aspects of the changing modern Bedouin society are currently being studied.

The Centre for International Studies has as its main task the coordination of various joint projects, courses, seminars and workshops for university-trained professionals from abroad and especially from developing Third World countries. In this manner, research at the Institute has made a significant impact on the development of arid zone regions on a global level.

At Avdat, the methods of run-off irrigation and other practical farming techniques were shared with agriculturalists from Kenya and are now being applied in that country's arid northern region of Turkana.

Zvi Lowenstein, Avdat farm manager, explains, "We give them hands-on experience and they apply what they choose when they return home and initiate their own projects."

It is easy to be unaware of the intensive level of scholarly activity at the Midrasha when taking a casual stroll through the community. With its broad, tree lined streets, local amenities such as the post office or grocery store and a swimming pool in the summer months, the Midrasha has the look and feel of a peaceful and secluded rural village.

Regional cooperation accounts for the various cultural events available to Midrasha residents. Concerts and theatre productions from Tel Aviv or Beersheba appear frequently at the local cultural centre at nearby Revivim.

Of course, regional and local planning is not without its difficult side. Residents attest to the controversy that developed over the building of the commercial centre in the heart of the Midrasha. And occasionally, mild friction develops between the "university" and other "locals" when questions of responsibilities or rights have to be dealt with on a daily basis.

Nonetheless, the growing national and international reputation of the Midrasha has created one problem that other Negev communities would find enviable: a housing shortage. Plans are under way to provide the Midrasha with its first privately owned housing units, and so far 25 families are expected to make a move into more permanent occupancy.

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Posthumous medal to Swiss war hero

JERUSALEM —

Yad Vashem's "Medal of the Just" has been conferred posthumously in Jerusalem on Holocaust hero Friedrich Born of Switzerland.

As a delegate of the International Red Cross in Budapest during World War II, Born worked with Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg to rescue Hungarian Jews from deportation to Nazi death camps.

Unlike Wallenberg, whose deeds have been honored by Jews and non-Jews the world over, Born's activities remained a secret for more than 40 years. He mentioned them to no one, not even members of his family. He died in 1963.

Born worked in close collaboration with Wallenberg and in consultation with the Swiss consul in Budapest, Carl Luntz. While he made use of his Red Cross status, his mission was personal and he assumed sole responsibility.

According to the Swiss Weekly Construire, Born had no choice. Max Huber, who was president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at the time, opposed any action to save Jews.

Considered internal problem

Huber considered the plight of Jews an internal problem of the Hungarians in which the humanitarian organization should not interfere.

The world finally learned of Born's courage and dedication to saving Jewish lives through tireless research of an Israeli lawyer, Arieh Ben-Tov, 63, whose family perished at Auschwitz. Ben-Tov gained access to Red Cross archives in Geneva and interviewed officials of the Swiss government in Bern and the World Jewish Congress.

Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, saved Jews by sheltering them in the Swedish Embassy and providing Swedish documents. Born acted similarly. He recruited 4,000 Jews as employees of the Red Cross, issuing them ICRC papers. He pressured Hungarian government officials and confiscated hospitals and homes where he hid many Jews under the Red Cross flag.

Deportations were temporarily halted in July 1944 at the intervention of the King of Sweden. Born, Wallenberg and Luntz took advantage of the lull to save as many Jews as possible, but they could not save 435,000 Hungarian Jews from the provinces who had been deported a few weeks earlier.

Born's tenacity influenced the ICRC in Geneva which, for a while, adopted a harder position toward the Nazis.

Born's widow died last year. His son, who lives in Scotland, and his daughter, living in Switzerland, went to Jerusalem to accept the medal on behalf of their father, accompanied by Jaque Moreillon, director of the ICRC.

Born's daughter told reporters, "Even in the family circle my father never mentioned his acts saving Jews, by obligation to the ICRC which demands secrecy from all delegates and, perhaps, from fear after Wallenberg was kidnapped."

Wallenberg was arrested by Soviet authorities when the Red Army entered Budapest in 1945. He has not been heard from since. The Soviet Union says he died in prison in 1947, but a number of witnesses reported they saw him alive in later years and his family is convinced he may still be alive.

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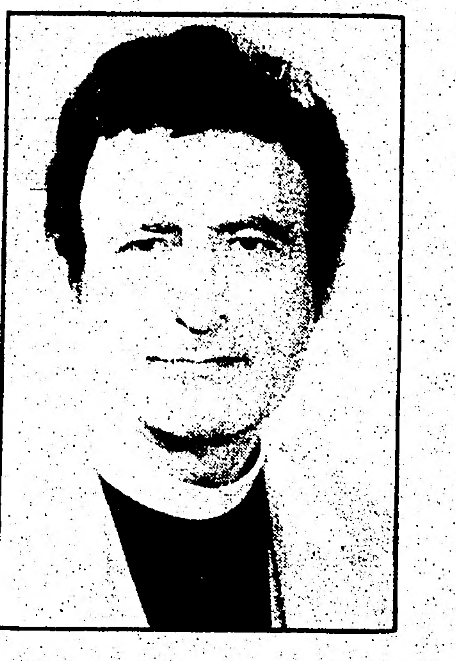

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Shaare Zedek helps reduce heart attack deaths

JERUSALEM —

The number of Jerusalemites dying after heart attacks has been appreciably reduced thanks to the work of Prof. Abraham Abraham of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

The primary cause of death after a heart attack is from arrhythmia (abnormal, irregular, usually much too fast, heartbeat) — 50-60% of heart attack victims are likely to die from this condition prior to ever reaching hospital and, of those who do get there, approximately 25% could pass on soon afterward.

After years of research and trial, Abraham and his Shaare Zedek colleagues have achieved a reduction of the potential mortality rate from 35% to 15% by injecting magnesium into the veins of heart attack victims immediately after the onset of the attack and then continuously for 24 hours thereafter. They are confident of further reducing these potential deaths to 5%.

High success rate

Abraham is certain that no other hospital in the world has achieved his success rate and has high expectations that the magnesium treatment will soon be expanded to other parts of the world. His findings have been reported in the April 1987 issue of the prestigious Archives of Internal Medicine which is read by doctors and scientists internationally.

In addition to those heart attack victims treated at Shaare Zedek, all in greater Jerusalem picked up by the Cardio-Mobiles of the Magen David Adom ambulance service are also being administered with the magnesium treatment. These cardiac ambulance teams are supervised by Shaare Zedek cardiologist Dr. David Applebaum.

Fortunately, in addition to its significant success rate, the magnesium treatment does not cause any side effects other than a mild sensation of heat in some patients.

Abraham has a specially close relationship with Shaare Zedek as he was born there in 1935. His parents had been spending two years in Jerusalem but returned with him to Burma when he was but 3 months old. The family moved to England 16 years later in order to take advantage of its educational opportunities.

He graduated from Leeds Medical School in 1960, became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and also received the British/American Heart Fellowship Award in 1969, one of the two awarded annually in Britain.

After a year as a senior research fellow at Johns Hopkins University Medical School in Baltimore, Abraham immigrated to Israel in 1970. He has been associated with Shaare Zedek since 1973 and is currently co-director of the Internal Medicine Department. He is also associate professor in internal medicine at the Hebrew University Medical School and received the Faculty Prize for outstanding clinical specialist in gastroenterology research in 1975.

The professor is also an examiner for the internal medicine specialty board, has won several awards for outstanding research and serves on a number of prestigious professional committees.

He has published close to 50 major papers, either alone or with colleagues and frequently is called upon to address international conferences.

In another research project, Abraham is working on discovering the cause, cure and prevention of atherosclerosis in the human body, thus eliminating blockage of blood vessels and reducing the potential for heart attacks.

He hopes to conclude his research within the next year or two, and whispers of his work being of Nobel Prize calibre have been resounding throughout the hospital.

Although Abraham has been receiving some funding from private sources in Canada and the United States (including support from the Wolinsky-Bessin Research Institute in Molecular Biology established by Canadians at Shaare Zedek), he is still hampered by a shortage of funds and requires additional monies in order to complete his work within the deadline he's established for himself.

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Arab-Jewish communities included

New neighborhoods added to Project Renewal

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Nine new neighborhoods — including two mixed Arab-Jewish communities — are being added to the Project Renewal program and six others will expand their activities, Housing Minister David Levy told a press conference in Jerusalem last week. Project Renewal is supported by North American fund raising campaigns.

The overall size of the program, which now encompasses 84 troubled communities throughout Israel, will remain the same, as 12 other communities are being weaned from Project Renewal over the next three years.

Two of the nine new Project Renewal communities will be in a prototype program that targets specific neighborhoods for physical improvements and involves the entire town in social projects, Levy said.

Lod's Givat Zeitim and Ramle's Giora quarter, which Levy said face special problems, will undergo physical renovation under the program, while the towns will get funds for social projects.

Levy noted that both communities include Arabs and Jews, who will participate in the Project Renewal programs.

The other seven new Project Renewal communities are: Dimona's Yoseftal neighborhood, with the entire Negev development town getting social assistance, Netanya's Gan Bracha and Amidar neighborhoods, Kiryat Yam's Shehunot Bet and Gimel, Tel Aviv's Givat Aliya and Ajami quarters, Beersheba's Shehuna Dalet, Safad's southern section and Nahariya's Trumpledor neighborhood.

Six other neighborhoods that until now had been getting social assistance only will now receive aid in improving their physical infrastructure, Levy said. They are in Or Yehuda, Beit Shean, Bnei Brak, Tiberias, Yavne and Rosh Ha'ayin.

Now in its 10th year, Project Renewal was at its founding an innovative program to bring together the government, the Jewish Agency, Diaspora Jewish communities and residents of the targeted communities to jointly rehabilitate troubled neighborhoods.

The aim was eventually to bring the communities to the point where they could manage and fund their own community programs without assistance.

Many of the sponsoring Diaspora communities have found the deadlines for spinning off their Project Renewal neighborhoods to be unrealistically short and have continued funding them past their initial term. Through the end of last year, some $730 million was spent by Porject Renewal.

Levy said that about $70 million had been budgeted for the program from all sources for this year and that the figure would remain about the same next year, as the number of participating communities would be about the same.

Court orders teacher reinstated

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Jerusalem district labor court has ruled that a woman teacher in a state religious school, who was fired after she married a non-religious man, be reinstated.

Yehudit Amichai, who worked at the school in Ashdod since 1974, married in 1980. Soon after, ministry of education officials began moves to dismiss her.

An official in the ministry's manpower branch, Hagai Kosloff, approached the then-education minister, Zevulun Hammer, asking him to authorize the dismissal, but Hammer refused.

Kosloff and a ministry legal advisor, Ephraim Yifhar, then arranged to have authority in the matter switched to the ministry director-general.

To do this, they submitted an application to the then-attorney-general, Yitzhak Zamir, neglecting, however, to tell him the purpose of the transfer.

Zamir signed the authorization and Yifhar recommended to the ministry's director-general that Amichai be let go. The woman was dismissed.

In its decision, the Jerusalem labor court severely criticized Kosloff and Yifhar. It said the dismissal was on religious grounds, and violated anti-discrimination laws.

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Mixes modern and traditional

Winnipeg rabbi runs alternative holiday service

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — For Rabbi Neal and Carol Rose, the Yom Tovim are a time for family, and family is what is stressed at their yearly Havurah Alternative High Holiday services. While the rabbi is the spiritual leader for the services, Carol does her share of the "preaching and teaching" and each of their four sons participates in the davening.

The Rose family's services are unique. For example, during the Birkat Kohanim, people are encouraged to gather in family and/or friendship groups rather than standing under their own individual tallit. "This allows people to receive the priestly blessing in an atmosphere of closeness," said Carol.

Age of alienation

"We live in an age of alienation," said Rabbi Rose. "Services should therefore strive to give people a sense of belonging. We try to accomplish this by arranging our seats in a semi-circle, with the shaliach tzibor in the centre. This way, everyone can see and hear what's going on and become part of a network of prayer and reflection."

Group participation is another important element of the Havurah davening. "We try to look at our people in advance to see where their skills can be incorporated into the service," said Rabbi Rose.

Then there are the workshops which are an adjunct to the regular Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. "They differ annually depending on what has transpired during the year," said Rabbi Rose.

"For example, three or four years ago, two little girls in our community died. One of the girls' grandmothers was present during the Yom Kippur workshop on death and dying. Her participation allowed others to explore their own feelings around this often frightening subject."

For the children, each of the five segments of Yom Kippur is ended with a story appropriate to one of the themes of the holiday. The Book of Jonah, for example, has been told through drama and puppetry.

For Rabbi Rose, a professor of Judaic studies at the University of Manitoba, and Carol, a teacher in the Winnipeg school system and a writer, this is the 15th year of alternative services for the High Holidays.

The services were inspired by the late Nathan (Nunny) Micay who felt synagogues were becoming too big. He called for the creation of a "small intimate service" which would return to him "a sense of my own true proportion."

The services were originally organized by the Roses and several other families at Winnipeg Beach. "It was an incredible experience holding services at the Beach," Rabbi Rose recalled. "For Tashlich a group of 100 of us would walk together out into Lake Winnipeg."

The last seven years, the services have been held at the Rosh Pina Synagogue on its lower level. This year, they are being held at the old Peretz School building on Jefferson. While there were officially only 200 people registered, the actual attendance was closer to 275.

"It's fair to say our minyan is a mixture of the modern and the traditional," said Rabbi Rose. "We follow the traditional davening, including all the key elements of the mahzor in maintaining the integrity of the service. Where we make changes is in regard to the piyyutim, the special holiday poems. The more obscure ones are replaced with modern poetry which we feel better captures the spirit of Yom Tov."

The Havurah is not restricted to High Holiday services however. Havurah members gather to celebrate all the holidays during the year. They gather monthly, too, for Rosh Chodesh celebrations and share in each other's life cycle events.

"Our goal," said Carol Rose, "is to encourage fuller participation of all Jews — men, women and children. There is a need for people to feel valued for what they are.

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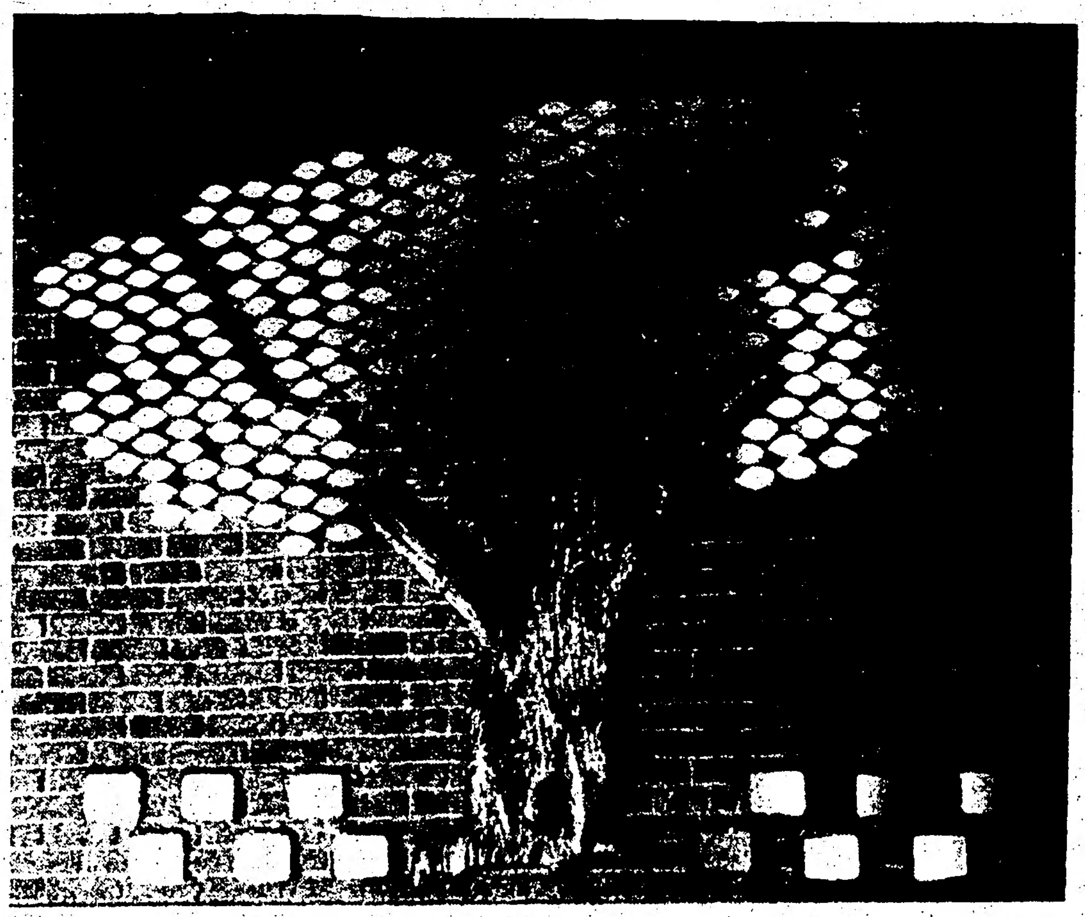

A Tree of LIfe with handmade brass leaves created by Langrave Engravers of Newmarkmet. The work can be seen at Adath Sholom Synagogue in Downsview.

Artisan specializes in Judaica engraving

By
VIVIEN SHARON

NEWMARKET, Ont. — For Barrie Rose the engraving of plaques and memorial boards for synagogues is a gratifying experience. The personal satisfaction of knowing that a finely crafted art object will be appreciated by many is most rewarding, he says.

Rose, 51, president of Langrave Engravers Inc. of Newmarket, and his two sons, Adrian, 23, and Lance, 19, specialize in Judaica engraving and signage in Hebrew and English.

As far as they know, they are the only Jewish artisans servicing the Jewish market that use all forms of media, from exotic woods (maple, walnut, cherry, oak, butternut, mahogany) to marble, stainless steel, brass, bronze, acrylic and plexiglas.

"Many engravers don't touch steel or brass because they find it too tough," says Rose senior, who moved to Newmarket from Montreal one year ago.

Their home-cum-workshop is surrounded by 10 acres of fertile marshland. Twenty apple trees provide a tranquil respite from the intense nature of their work. Barrie Rose has converted an old barn into a fully equipped metal and woodworking studio that far surpasses the cramped basement quarters he worked out of in his suburban Montreal home.

"Business has more than doubled since we moved here," says youngest son Lance, who, like his older brother, apprenticed with his father as a teenager after school before joining him permanently. Business has been so brisk, in fact, that they have recently installed a second computer-controlled engraving machine at a cost of $20,000.

"Even though we work very hard, 12 to 16 hours a day and often Sundays, the life in the country is relaxed and free. I love the beautiful sunsets. "Where else could you find four deer roaming in your backyard?' " he says.

One year ago their story was far less idyllic. In a matter of 12 months the family was felled by personal tragedy: the sudden death of Rose's wife of 29 years in a car accident in Newmarket, coupled with a stroke and heart attack that afflicted him, almost broke the family spirit. Miraculously, Rose has fully recuperated and works a moderately reduced schedule.

"Unfortunately my sons have had to give up their plans in order to help me run the business," Rose senior adds with regret. For now Lance says he will put his university plans on the backburner.

Lance's predicament is not unlike his father's. Born in London, England, he too was "shanghied" by his father to work in the family furniture and giftware business one generation ago. Before long Rose began to introduce a line of engraved trophies.

"I found I could engrave better than the professionals. People came from miles away and before I knew it, engraving became my main business," he says.

In 1977, Rose moved his family to Montreal. He set up shop first in his garage and then later expanded into the family basement. Among his first clients were large corporations and hotels including the Bonaventure Hilton, Hyatt, Sheraton, and Carling O'Keefe Brewery.

Either directly or indirectly, the firm also produced many custom-made plaques, yahrzeit boards and trees of life with handmade brass leaves for most of Montreal's synagogues as well as for Maimonides Hospital in Cote St. Luc.

In 1986 Rose decided to move to Toronto since all of his suppliers, especially those handling steel, brass and exotic woods, were located here. He also found learning French at his age somewhat burdensome.

He says he finds the nucleus of 30 Jewish families in Newmarket to be hospitable, but he has to travel to the area north of Bathurst and Steeles to do most of his kosher shopping.

"Our work is delicate and requires much concentration and patience," says Rose, who maintains an open house for his customers to watch them at work. "Customers find it fascinating to watch us use the different media. Suddenly they see their memorial board or specialized plaque come alive for them."

Langrave's artistry can be seen in many Metro Toronto area synagogues and Jewish institutions: Adath Sholom, Pride of Israel, Beth Habonim, B'nai Shalom North, Spring Farm Eitz Chaim School, the Baycrest Hospital, and Seniorcare are only some.

Their work is also displayed in Sudbury's Shaar Hashomayim, as well as synagogues in Saskatchewan, Vancouver, Moose Jaw, and Israel.

For further information, Langrave Engravers can be reached at (416) 775-5440.

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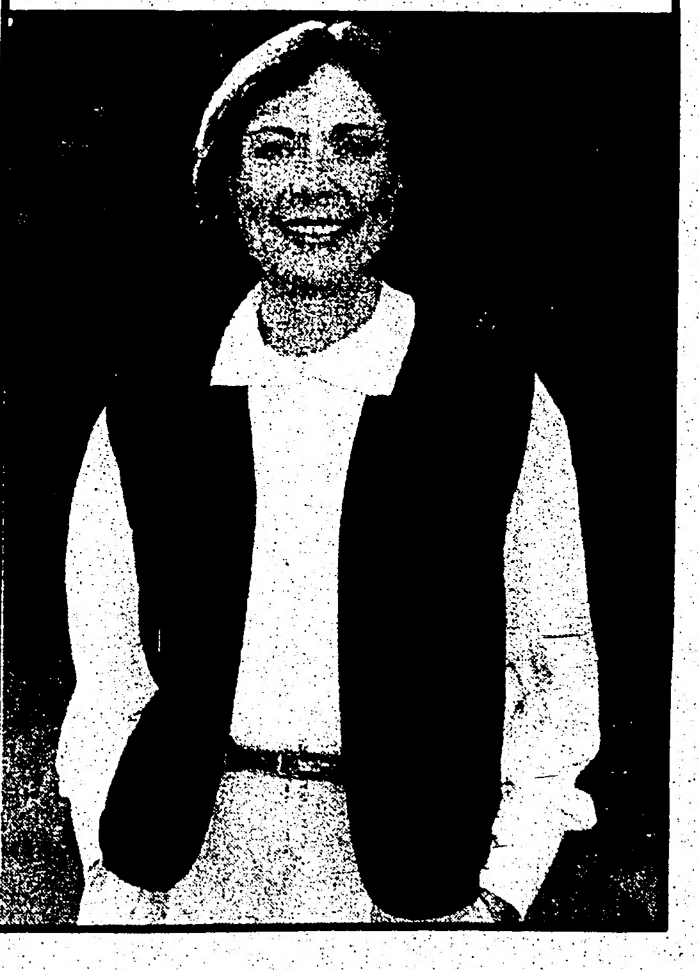

A young patient at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre is offered traditional honey and apple at Rosh Hashanah. Whether he'll forego the pacifier long enough to partake of the treat in anyone's guess.

Discharges patients

Shaare Zedek marks the High Holidays

JERUSALEM —

It is sad that many people must begin the New Year in a hospital bed, but for the patients at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, the care and concern of the staff lessens their distress and enables them to celebrate with the entire House of Israel.

Those patients who are well enough are discharged in order to be at home with their families, even if they must return after the holiday. But for those who must remain in hospital, very special efforts are made to ensure that the festival will be as enjoyable and traditional as possible.

Shofar sounded

The 8th floor synagogue has a beautiful white curtain in front of the Ark and services are held for all who wish to attend. Many of the patients sit in wheelchairs, but the atmosphere is as spiritual as in outside synagogues.

All the accoutrements of Rosh Hashanah are provided, including wine or grape juice for kiddush and special rolls for the blessing over the bread. Women light candles and all patients enjoy a special festival dinner preceded by apple and honey for a sweet New Year.

High drama ensues when Rev. Asher Hirsch, the Shaare Zedek staff rabbi, makes sure that the blasts of the shofar are heard throughout the medical centre.

Seek jobs abroad

Discharged officers emigrate to the U.S.

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

Hundreds of discharged Israel Army officers — including 171 of the rank of lieutenant-colonel and up — have emigrated in the past few years, according to a survey by the Israel Association for Preventing Yerida (emigration).

Most of these officers are believed to be in the United States.

The association's secretary, Col. Eli Geva, said that some of the officers had failed to find jobs in Israel that they believed they deserved after fulfilling responsible positions in the army. They were discouraged by failure to win senior managerial or organizational positions.

The phenomena of officers going abroad, ostensibly just for a short time to make some money, and then remaining there, is most common among former lieutenants and captains who quit the army in their mid-20s and do not have families to support, says Geva.

Roam South America

Some feel an urge to go abroad "for fresh air. They roam around South America and when they run out of money reach the U.S., where they find odd jobs, and stay there."

Emigrants excuse their actions by saying they gave Israel some of their best years and should now have a good time — not in Israel. "Many, however, don't have a good time and end up doing jobs which they would turn down in Israel."

One of the latest stories which came to Geva's attention concerned a former deputy company commander in an infantry unit who became a personal bodyguard to a former Israeli who emigrated 30 years ago. In Israel he wouldn't have accepted such a job.

Geva, who quit the post of commander of a tank corps brigade during the Lebanon War because he objected to the Israel Army's entry into west Beirut, said he had heard senior Israel Army officers discuss the problem of yerida. However, the army was not taking any action.

Military sources confirmed that the Israel Army was concerned but doing nothing. The people who leave are civilians and beyond the army's jurisdiction, the sources explained.

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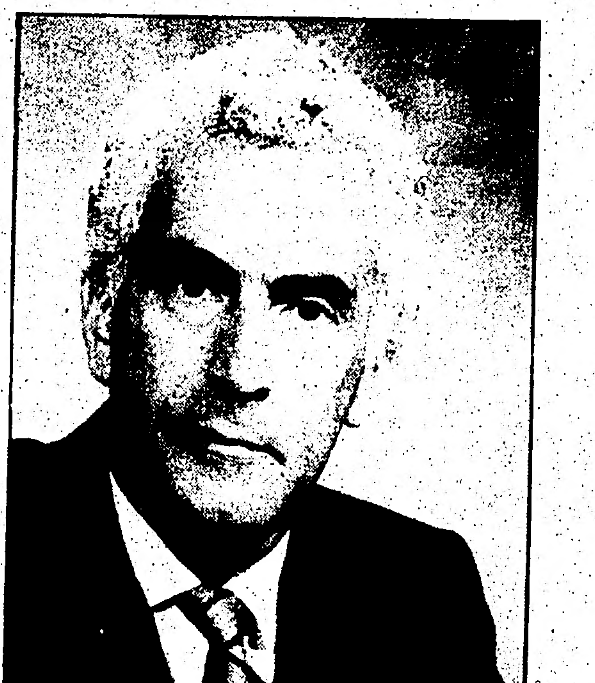

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Pen pals Roland Pabst (left) and Akiva Gitelman.

Pen pals retain bond

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
Akiva Gitelman of Cote St. Luc and Roland Pabst, a resident from a small town northeast of Nuremberg, West Germany, have been corresponding across the ocean for nine years. The significance of a Jew and a German striking an international bond has not gone unnoticed by either.

Since 1979, Gitelman, 24, and Pabst, 25, have been penpals.

Both have learned much about one another's culture and Pabst, in particular, has come to derive a greater appreciation and knowledge about Judaism and his own nation's record during World War II.

On his 4th excursion to Canada, Pabst told The CJN that his homeland's pervasive soul-searching about the Holocaust is a necessary process and continues to this day.

But until he began to exchange notes with Gitelman, he says he knew little about Judaism. Pabst had never actually met anyone Jewish, since no Jews reside in Schnaittach, his village of 5,500 two hours from Munich.

"I remember that in one of the first letters, I said: 'Isn't Akiva a Jewish name?' That's how it started. I knew very little about Jewish traditions and I was very pleased to have a penpal who was Jewish and Canadian."

Gitelman and Pabst became friends when Gitelman, in 1979 a student at West Hill High School, was looking for an overseas contact to correspond with.

At the same time Pabst, a long-time Canada-phile, was seeking a penpal through Canada's embassy in West Germany. The embassy forwarded Pabst's name to Barry Simon, a teacher at West Hill who was running an international penpal service (and still does through the International Jewish Correspondence Service.)

Simon ended up giving Pabst's name to Gitelman, and from their first letters they discovered interests.

Gitelman, for example, is a graduate in modern languages and speaks fluent English, French, Hebrew, Spanish, and Italian. Pabst is equally facile in German, French, Spanish, and English. His command of English is so perfected, in fact, that he speaks without a trace of a German accent.

Pabst's grasp and overall expertise on Canadiana would probably embarass most natives. First attracted to Canada by the romantic allure of its wide-open spaces and an admitted image of the Canada of red-coated Mounties and the Calgary stampede, Pabst went on to earn a Master's degree in North American literature at the university in Nuremberg.

Part of his studies focused on modern Quebec and Canadian novelists whose theme was the separatist movement. Mordecai Richler is one of his favorite authors, and he considers Montreal and Quebec a second home.

Gitelman has also shown Pabst aspects of Montreal Jewish community life. During his visits, he stayed at Gitelman's home and received a warm welcome from Gitelman's friends. Pabst was also intrigued by Yiddish, which he heard for the first time while in Montreal. During his most recent trip, Pabst enjoyed his first-ever evening of Israeli folk-dancing atop Mount Royal.

Gitelman has also visited with Pabst in West Germany. During a 1983 trip to Europe as part of Hillel's Jewish Cultural Exchange Program, he extended his stay one month to guest with Pabst and his family.

The two have even backpacked together through Ontario.

Gitelman and Pabst, who is now married, expect their relationship to continue.

"It's interesting to see how a Canadian Jew and a German non-Jew have managed to establish an excellent rapport and friendship," Gitelman said, "despite history and the war.

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Training in health care, social services

Program unites Arabs, Israelis

NEW YORK (JTA) —
A unique program to bring together Israelis and Arabs working in health care, social services and job training in their respective countries is expected to begin next June at the Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare at Brandeis University, it was announced here.

The cochairmen for the Middle East Fellowship Program, all Americans, include a Catholic, a Moslem and a Jew.

The program is subject to official review and approval at the October meeting of the Brandeis Board of Trustees. However, Dr. Evelyn Handler, president of Brandeis — which is located in Waltham, Mass. — said that "it was important that we move forward, and that's why we're making the announcement before the event."

The announcement capitalized on the recently accepted chairmanship by a Catholic leader of very high profile: John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York.

Serving under O'Connor, the other two cochairmen are Dr. Kamal Batniji, an American Palestinian-Arab doctor and founding president of the American-Arab Medical Organization, and Henry Taub, founding chairman of the board of ADP Corp. and formerly president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Taub has already committed a quarter of a million dollars over the next 10 years.

The fellowship program, which will provide advanced executive training for people of proven leadership qualities who work in the fields of health and social welfare, intends to steer clear of politics and focus instead on people.

The intention of the program's organizers is to foster personal friendships between Arabs and Jews who will be living and studying together under one roof for 15 months. Graduates will receive a Master's degree in human services management. A condition of acceptance for the program is that the graduates return to their own countries.

The lofty goals include the expectation that these students, once they become friends, will return to their countries to take positions of authority, and will base their future work on personal understanding that defies political differences.

The program's aspiration was summed up by the chairman of the international advisory board of the Heller School's Center for Social Policy in the Middle East, Joseph Califano, former U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare. He said, "We hope they (the students) will remain friends and colleagues for life . . . Political leaders make treaties, but people make peace." Califano explained the background to the program's conception from personal recollection.

In November 1978, after the signing of the Camp David Accords, he met with the Israeli and Egyptian ministers of health, education and social services to try "to use the United States as a catalyst to get Egyptians and Israelis to work together in this country and in each others' nations on common problems."

Appropriate ministers in each country were often enthusiastic, Califano said, and "sometimes we even signed agreements." But little happened and interest dwindled after Califano and the ministers involved left their posts. Then, in 1982, Brandeis Prof. Leonard Hausman urged Califano to chair a Center for Social Policy in the Middle East. Hausman became the centre's director. This would transfer to the private sector the same idea Califano had tried in government. The centre was launched in 1983.

In February, as part of the centre's operations, Israeli and Egyptian doctors and health officials spent two weeks at Brandeis, in Washington and Los Angeles. A repeat of this is planned for Tel Aviv and Cairo in the fall and early next year. A similar program had been planned two years ago, but was stopped by the hijacking of the Achille Lauro, Califano said.

This past June, Hausman and Califano went on an intensive 2-week trip to the Middle East to discuss the idea for the special program with Egyptian, Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian leaders in government and private sectors.

Before the trip, Califano, at Taub's urging, met with O'Connor, who "expressed a willingness to open some doors for us on the West Bank, at Bethlehem University and in Jordan." O'Connor asked for a report on the trip when they returned, and when he received it he expressed immediate willingness to chair the program, said Califano, including the effort to raise a $10 million endowment. He also agreed to be a vice chairman of the centre's international board of advisors, joining Leo Field and former U.S. secretary of state Alexander Haig.

Such a program has precedence at Brandeis. For 28 years, Brandeis has hosted hundreds of international students from over 100 countries who, said Handler, "have enriched the lives of the American students on our campus and who themselves, after undergraduate training and graduate training, have gone back to their respective countries and have made enormous contributions to the welfare of those countries."

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Pollard attacks U.S. for Arab arms sales

ST. LOUIS —
Convicted spy Jonathan Jay Pollard has lashed out at U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger whom he said seeks to endanger Israel's security with his "indefatigable push" for increased arms sales to Arab countries while at the same time seeking to "severely restrict" the flow of vital intelligence to the Jewish state.

Pollard, a former U.S. Naval intelligence analyst now serving a life sentence for having sold secrets to Israel, made his comments in a letter to the editor of the St. Louis Jewish Light.

The U.S. administration's recently announced plan to grant Egypt coproduction rights for the M-1 battle tank "seemed to confirm all of my worst fears about the true nature" of Weinberger's Mideast agenda, Pollard said in the letter.

The M-1 deal would finally provide Cairo with the means to rapidly remilitarize Sinai, said Pollard who added that the Egyptian officer corps firmly believes that it was robbed of its victory in the 1973 war.

He said that the U.S. defence secretary hopes that a greatly improved Egyptian army "would pose such a latent threat to the Negev that the Israelis would be prevented from concentrating the type of overwhelming force necessary to crush Syria in a short decisive campaign comparable to her stunning 1982 victory."

Pollard said that in Weinberger's view, a weaker Israel would make it more receptive to "legitimate" Arab political differences.

Weinberger's "evenhandedness" policy does not bode very well for the long term security of the Jewish state, he said.

It certainly does nothing to deter the Arabs from attempting to take advantage of their new found military strength, he added.

Given the "relentless effort" made by Weinberger to prevent Israel from adequately assessing the nature of the potential threat she faces, "the trauma of the Yom Kippur War could actually pale in comparison to the next conflict," Pollard said.

"As Mr. Weinberger is undoubtedly aware of the fact that accurate and timely intelligence is the *sine qua non* of Israel's ability to effectively defend herself from the dangers posed by unpredictable and unprincipled neighbors, his policy is nothing short of cold-blooded treachery.

"Having finally come to the realization that no member of the American Jewish establishment would ever believe that this particular administration would countenance such a duplicitous policy, I agreed to help Israel circumvent Mr. Weinberger's intelligence embargo."

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Innovation in child care

Family "drop-in centre" is a hit with families

TEL AVIV —

An innovation in child care and neighborliness has been introduced in a blue collar district of Tel Aviv which may help set a new pattern in helping Israeli parents cope in communities throughout the country.

Launched half a year ago in Ramat Hachayal by an American immigrant, Israel's first family "drop-in centre" is a hit, with families from all parts of the Greater Tel Aviv area flocking to the facility created here to provide an informal atmosphere of constructive sharing for both babies and their parents.

A voluntary non-profit enterprise designed to fill a need felt to be largely ignored by welfare, municipal and public health authorities, the Ramat Hachayal drop-in centre is currently catering to 50 families, with 120 infants and toddlers, on a daily basis, and another 50 families, periodically. Overflowing with activity, it is said to be highlighting the need for means to create additional centres in adjoining neighborhoods.

Open six hours every day, except for Shabbat, the centre provides an "oasis" for parents who prefer being with their children until the formal nursery age of 3, and an afternoon framework when there are no established activities available to pre-kindergarten children.

Ellen Phaff Shein, who made aliyah from Albany, NY, 17 years ago, mother of two, and ex-supervisor of El Al reservations, has carried the project to its dynamic present from an idea she and her pioneering associates, Suzanne Shapiro, formerly of Holland, and Orna Lankry, an Australian immigrant, believed urgently called for development.

They felt that a drop-in centre would be a factor in enhancing the "quality of life" in neighborhoods faced by the scarcity of facilities for pre-schoolers.

At the same time, the founders, along with the first member families who hailed mainly from English-speaking countries, were convinced that the creation of such a centre would increase informed parental participation in the child's formative stages, create a local focal point for young families to meet socially, bridge socio-ethnic gaps, and provide a vital flow of information through meetings with experts on modern trends in parent-child interaction and development.

Confirming their convictions, scores of families from Ramat Hachayal, Shikun Dan, Neve Sharett, Ramat Aviv, Ramat Hasharon, and Givatayim, with parents from various educational and economic backgrounds — cleaning ladies together with lawyers and university professors and their offspring — are "dropping in" regularly.

The focus of this creative happening is a renovated former mini-market, barely 1,000 square foot, provided temporarily by the Tel Aviv Workers Council of the Histadrut. It was decorated and equipped by the volunteer parents and several Israeli companies who donated furniture and play materials available in a formal nursery facility, plus facilities to make the participating parents comfortable.

One of the long-range goals of this neighborhood innovation in childcare and togetherness, says Shein, is that effective input will be introduced to help create the atmosphere of cultured discourse, and lower the level of aggression which still troubles some urban housing developments here.

In the meantime, dedicated volunteers are beating the bushes for financial support to turn the successful Ramat Hachayal experiment into a network of "family drop-in centres" in communities throughout Israel.

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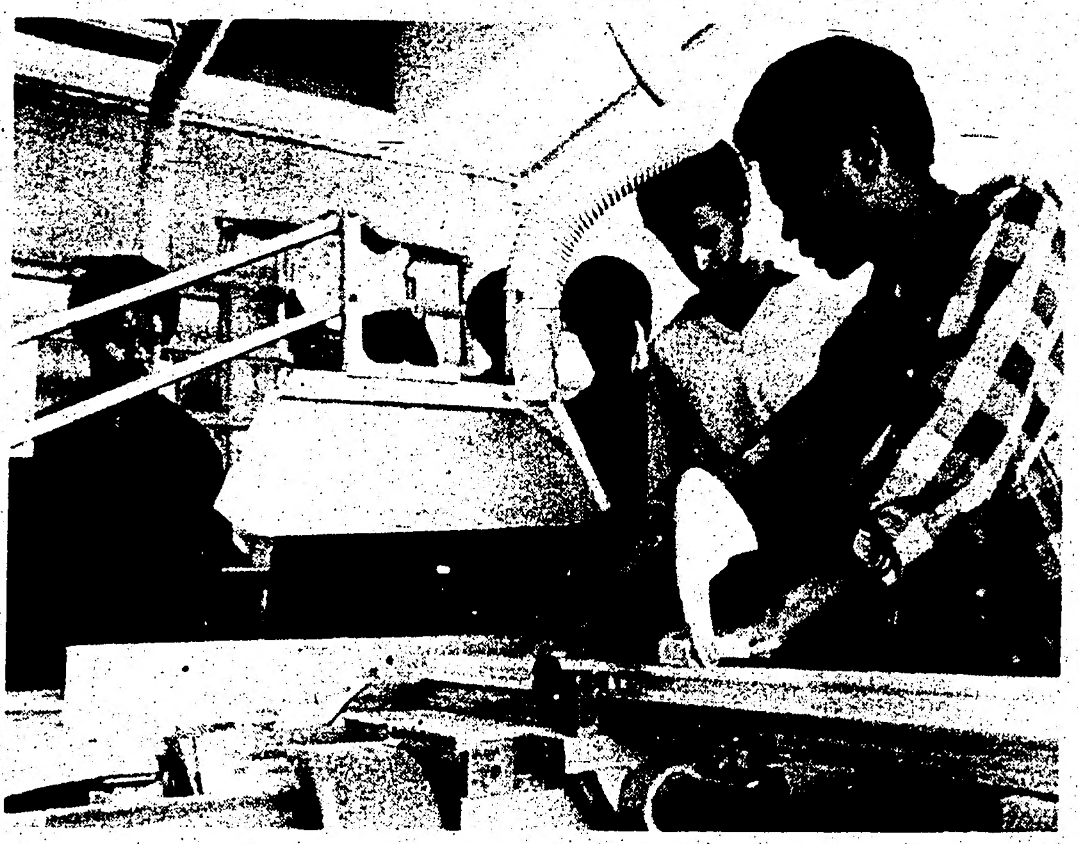

Ethiopian Jewish students learn to operate a saw as part of their training carpentry and furniture making at Boys Town Jerusalem.

Ethiopian youth are willing students

JERUSALEM —

Forty-four youths, airlifted to Israel from Ethiopia in the Operation Moses rescue project, recently finished two years of specialized training at the Boys Town Jerusalem Fred P. Pomerantz Centre for Technological Education.

There they learned machine shop work, wood joinery and the printing trades. They also received studies in Hebrew at the Educational Centre in Mevasseret Zion.

Nearly all of the youths, ranging in age from 18 to 29, made the gruelling 500 km trek from their homes in the Gondar region to refugee camps in Sudan, arriving in Israel in July, 1985.

Although only few had any previous schooling, they showed themsevles to be willing students. Proof of the high level of skills attained in the short period of their studies was the fine pieces of furniture which were put on exhibit during the graduation ceremony.

A major problem facing the Ethiopian students is the sense of loneliness which resulted from being separated from their families. Several are married men who left their wives and children in Ethiopia. To some extent, the warm reception at Boys Town and in Mevasseret Zion has helped.

Upon leaving their schools and the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center, where they made their home in the last two years, most of the students will be inducted into the army.

Boys Town Jerusalem was founded in 1948 responding to the need to provide an education for those children who survived the Holocaust and for the children of destitute Jews who poured into Israel from Arab countries. This training was critical to the development of the Jewish State.

Today, the school is a leading educational youth centre in Israel, providing its 1,536 students with a quality academic, Jewish and technical education. Boys Town's students come from over 45 different countries.

A total of 124 Ethiopians were absorbed into the student body. The school's 18-acre campus is located in the Bayit Vegan suburb of Jerusalem.

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Combines Jewish learning, secular education

School program offers alternative

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An educational program offering an alternative to the state secular and state religious schools has been functioning since 1984 in the southern Jerusalem suburb of Gilo.

Tigbur Limudei Yahadut (TALI), meaning enhanced Jewish studies, combines the best of traditional Jewish learning with a modern secular education, emphasizing pluralism, tolerance and non-coercion, organizers say in a release.

Based on the assumption that the 4,000 year-old Jewish heritage is the natural birthright of all Israeli children, regardless of their parents' religious leanings, TALI attempts to make the study of that heritage an exciting and rewarding learning experience.

The artificial division of Israeli society into "religious" and "secular" is largely perpetuated by the school system, TALI says.

Israel's outdated educational structure offers only two alternatives from which to choose, neither of which were proven satisfactory to a growing number of Israeli parents, the organization adds.

Parents in Gilo who refused to have their children categorized as "religious or non-religious" fought an uphill battle which lasted over three years in the face of widespread opposition and myriad bureaucratic obstacles.

Their efforts have created an educational process which seeks to uphold the unity and universality of the Jewish people, providing an answer to the sectarianism which is becoming more and more prevalent in Israel today, TALI says.

In Gilo, 180 children from many different religious and socio-economic backgrounds are today receiving a TALI education.

Children from homes in which no religious practices are maintained learn side by side with children who come from strong Jewish backgrounds and the principle of mutual respect is strictly observed at all times.

A devoted, experienced staff, as well as TALI's activist parents' committee, have made TALI Gilo one of the more respected schools in Jerusalem today.

Parental involvement and participation in the schools' activities are one of the cornerstones of the TALI system of education. Parents give of their time and energy to ensure that the children receive over and above the meager hours provided by the ministry of education.

They volunteer to come and lecture in the classrooms on their various fields of interest, they invite the children to visit their places of work, thus helping to widen their horizons, they help in decorating and gardening, thus making the school an attractive place to learn.

Despite the education of TALI Gilo's staff and parents alike, drastic cutbacks in government spending on education have created a great deal of problems which can only be relieved by outside sources.

The school lacks books for research and reading, audiovisual and laboratory equipment, musical instruments, maps, atlases and other learning aids.

Children are forced to learn in the most difficult of physical conditions. All six of the classes are currently housed on the top floor of a 3-storey building, the other two of which house part of the neighborhood's junior high school.

Each year the problem becomes more acute. At this juncture, there is no room to expand. Despite the growing demand for a TALI education in Gilo, the school is forced to turn away tens of children every year for lack of space.

By giving a donation, however large or small, to the TALI Gilo school, you could personally watch the school grow and do your part in helping to fill a very large gap in Israeli education today, the organization says.

The following projects, which are considered an integral part of a modern education, can only be carried out through outside assistance: a permanent building, a modern research and reading library, a computer room, a modern science laboratory, musical instruments, and audiovisual equipment.

To help the Association for Jewish Education in Gilo, a non-profit organization recognized by the Israel government, write to the Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027; (212) 678-8036 or to PEF Israel Endowment Fund Inc., 342 Madison Ave., Suite 1010, New York, NY 10173.

Part of university curriculum

Jewish studies expand around the world

By
ROSE KLEINER

The study of Hebrew and Jewish civilization is becoming a part of university programs in countries ranging from Nigeria to Sweden.

Brazil, Mexico, and European countries such as Spain and Belgium have also instituted courses of Jewish content in their universities. In addition, England and North America are expanding their Jewish studies offerings.

The interest in Jewish studies does not come only from Jewish students. Non-Jews throughout the world have shown a growing interest in Jewish studies in recent years.

Several of Nigeria's universities offer Hebrew and Bible studies. Besides the University of Nigeria, courses are available at Imo State University at Etiti, Bendel State University of Ekpoma, and at Ogun State University.

Another African university with ambitious plans for Jewish studies is the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Its Centre for Jewish Studies gives courses in Jewish Civilization, and will be opening a library and a "Beth Midrash" on campus.

In South America both Brazil and Mexico list courses of Jewish interest at their universities.

Brazil's Federal University has two types of Jewish studies courses. The State University of Rio de Janeiro lists courses in Hebrew language, Jewish culture and Jewish literature. Modern Hebrew has been taught at the University of Mexico for the past 12 years.

Many European universities provide courses in Jewish studies. The first professorial chair of Jewish studies in Scandinavia has recently been proposed by the Swedish government. Jewish studies are now being taught at Abo Academy in Finland, and at the University of Aarhus in Denmark.

Program in France

The equivalent of a Master's degree program in Jewish studies is being established at the Free University of Brussels. The Brussels Institute Martin Buber sponsors the Lieberman Foundation Prize of 100,000 Belgian francs. The prize is awarded to the author of an essay, on a Jewish subject, in French, Dutch, Hebrew or Yiddish.

Spain's University of Granada has a department of Hebrew language and literature. A department of Hebrew and Aramaic has been established at Madrid's Universidad Complutense. Academic cooperation between Spanish and Israeli scholars promises to lead to an expansion of Jewish studies programs in Spain.

England's Kent University will offer two courses in Jewish Law next year. A new Master's degree program in Jewish and Islamic Law has recently been established at this university.

The Hebrew studies program at Cambridge University has been expanded. A 1-year post graduate course in Hebrew studies is now available in the university's faculty of Oriental studies.

A new Jewish studies program in the south of France includes courses in history, Jewish social sciences, philosophy, Jewish thought and Hebrew. Established in 1986, the Institut Inter-Universitaire D'Etudes et de Culture Juive is under the auspices of the Universities of Aix-Marseille I, II and III at Toulon, Avignon and Nice. The Institut grants a diploma in inter-university Jewish studies.

Interest in Jewish studies has grown in North America as well. Canada's first endowed chair in Jewish studies has recently been established at McGill University, in Montreal.

The University of Washington's Jewish studies program now offers annual fellowships to support advanced research which focuses on the interaction of Jews with various cultures and peoples or on the role of Jews and Judaism in Israel.

The establishment of a professorship in Jewish life and literature as a permanent position is planned by Pennsylvania State University. The university publishes an annual journal, Studies in American Jewish Art, and has a study program linked with Tel Aviv University in Israel.

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The Sharon Hotel in Herzlia Petuach.

Herzliah Pituach displays affluence

HERZLIA (JTA) — "Herzlia Pituach" translates as Herzlia, development town. Yet, this community hardly resembles regular Israeli development towns — with its luxury hotels, lavish villas with manicured lawns and private swimming pools in addition to domestic servants and diplomatic cars — and is perhaps better described as Herzlia-on-the-Sea. Indeed, this is the term coined by one of its long-time residents, Abba Eban.

Just a 15-minute drive up the coast from Tel Aviv, Herzlia Pituach is favored as a dormitory suburb by successful professionals. Its residents want to live near enough to Israel's business centre, but get in a quick swim or a game of tennis before they start their daily grind, and a long walk on the beach with the dog when they get home.

Tourists have been coming to Herzlia Pituach for years. At first there was just the Sharon Hotel. Only small then but very exclusive, it stood overlooking the sea, surrounded by sand dunes. A 10-minute walk further along the cliffs is the Accadia, now run by the Dan chain of hotels. And in recent years the Daniel Towers apartment hotel, with its lavish luxury, was built in-between by Anglo-Jewish millionaire Leon Tamman.

For many years Herzlia Pituach was really something of a step-sister of the main town of Herzlia, thriving on the coastal plain a few miles inland. Herzlia Pituach, with its obvious health, was left to fend for itself.

So the town became a patchwork of opulence and neglect. Elegant villas abutted refuse dumps, where rusting "no rubbish" notices peeked out of the waste. The Promenade, the cliff-top road linking the hotels, was cracked and treacherous, and the two main shopping squares were sandy and rundown. A major building project on— The Promenade ran out of funds and stood eerie and skeletal for years.

Controversial and dynamic Mayor Eli Landau changed the atmosphere. Apparently realizing that however wealthy the inhabitants may be, only central planning could spruce up the town, he embarked on a campaign to tidy up the sea front.

Now, two years later, The Promenade has been completed in small pink and blue paving stones, and visitors no longer have to remember to pack their flashlights if they want to venture out after dark, as the town has installed attractive lighting all along the walk.

The half-finished building has been completed, with a permanently full cafe on the ground floor. The city is building a sailing and windsurfing marina at one end of the beach. And with the varied restaurants, tennis courts, swimming pools and a cinema club offered by the hotels, Herzlia Pituach is really back on the tourist map.

There are water slides and trampolines on the water front for the kids, a surfing club for the adventurous, and saunas and massages at the hotel health clubs.

The town also is slowly tidying up its squares. The northern square offers smart shops, services and occasional sidewalk entertainment — visiting folk groups and popular singers. Parking has been rearranged, and eateries of all kinds are opening up — from pizza to seafood to the elegant kosher restaurants of the hotels.

As an indication of the affluence of the area, Israel's first private medical centre has been established on the Promenade. The Herzlia Medical Center is a small private overnight hospital with out-patient clinics, X-ray rooms and laboratories serving both the local population, the embassy staffs who are attracted to live in Herzlia and nearby Kfar Shmaryahu, and visitors at the local hotels.

All that is lacking is a casino — but that is a matter for government policy which now strictly opposes gambling clubs — and more popular priced hotels to expand the attraction of this increasingly fashionable area.

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After 20 years in Israel

Multi-talented Sheffy Gefen returns to Toronto

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — After more than 20 years, Pearl Sheffy Gefen (Parnes) is back in Canada.

The multi-talented journalist, actress and broadcaster who has interviewed many international celebrities including Otto Preminger, Yehudi Menuhin, Buster Keaton, Melvyn Douglas, Shirley MacLaine and Lauren Bacall — just to mention a few — is about to write a new chapter in her life which is already crammed full of exciting chapters.

Interviewed over lunch, the effervescent, slim and animated non-conformist explained that she decided to leave Israel and return to Toronto where she was born and raised because her 20-year marriage to an Israeli recently came to an end and "I needed to get back to my roots — to go back where I began."

With candor and a glow that explains why people are attracted to her, she says, "I've gone on instinct most of my life and my instinct told me it was time to return."

Looking back, Sheffy Gefen agrees that she was ahead of her time. "It never occurred to me that I was different. I was always terribly interested in everything and I just got immersed in whatever I was doing," says the energetic and prolific writer who is a regular contributor to The Jerusalem Post, and her stories have appeared in numerous other newspapers including The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, and The Canadian Jewish News.

"I guess you could say that my life really began at the University of Toronto." It was at the university that the young and attractive student made a name for herself as the feature editor and daily columnist for The Varsity. As well, she directed and appeared in plays and musicals.

Sheffy Gefen received the Students' Administrative Council Award and an award for the Best All-Round Student of University College.

Pearl Sheffy Gefen (right) chats with Moshe Dayan at a reception.

Winning prizes for her debating skills, she represented the U of T at the International Student Seminar and won a scholarship to Laval University where she prepared for a year of studies at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Awarded a scholarship from the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University in comparative literature, she went on to study in Jerusalem. While in Israel, she wrote and narrated radio scripts for the English section of Kol Israel (Israel Radio) and began writing for several English-language publications.

Always looking for her next challenge, she completed her Master's degree at McGill University, spending a year at Yale doing research on her thesis.

It was in New York that she "accidentally" became an actress. "I was walking through Central Park when I came upon a casting crew for Shakespeare in the Park and on the spur of the moment, I decided that I would audition. To my surprise, I was hired as an understudy."

From there, she went on to perform in many theatre and summer stock productions playing Nina in The Seagull, Medea, Antigone, and Inez in No Exit.

She was invited to Spoleto, Italy, to perform in a Spanish production of Federico Garcia Lorca's play, Yerma with The Festival of Two Worlds. After a 5-week course in Spanish, she was performing with a cast and crew that couldn't speak any English.

During this production, Sheffy Gefen was befriended by Garcia Lorca's family and they invited her to Madrid to perform in the play.

"It was really a tiny part, but it was exciting to play in the first production of a Lorca play to be performed in Spain in 26 years. (The poet and dramatist had been shot by Franco's soldiers.) She was the first Canadian actress to be invited to perform in a Garcia Lorca play, and the first Jewish actress in this production.

Sheffy Gefen says that this was an experience she will never forget. After several curtain calls, as a tribute to Lorca, the curtain was opened to an empty stage. There was reverent silence. Then the audience rose to their feet and there was tumultuous applause — people cried with joy. "The emotions were unbelievable and that moment will always stand out in my mind."

Playing a variety of parts, she became known as "the female Lon Chaney — the girl of a thousand faces." With a chuckle she says while she was in Madrid, she even played Sophia Loren's lady in waiting in El Cid and several television shows but she realized that she really didn't want to be an actress.

She wanted to write and she went off to Paris to continue with that career.

For the next five years, Sheffy Gefen turned all her efforts to full-time journalism with Agence France Presse and as a freelance contributor to the New York Times International Edition, San Francisco Chronicle, Montreal Gazette and numerous other newspapers and magazines.

Another chapter in her life opened in 1967 when she went to Israel to cover the Six Day War. "And I remained there for 20 years."

Firmly established in the media, Sheffy Gefen became an interviewer for Israel Radio. It was her in-depth interviews of film stars, writers, political leaders and as a feature writer on Egypt and the Middle East that brought her international acclaim. Many of her interviews were heard on CBC programs including a 1-hour documentary on Moshe Dayan.

Outspoken on Israeli politics, she makes it very clear that she has a great love of Israel. "I didn't leave Israel because of the situation there."

She comments that after the Yom Kippur War, she had a rude awakening about politics.

"I still believe in justice for all people, but during the war, I saw the hypocrisy. The world turned against Israel in such an unjust and hypocritical self-serving manner that I finally saw reality. But I still get upset with injustice. I believe that if you get upset, you haven't lost your idealism and the belief that man can be better."

With outrage, Gefen, who is in her 50s adds, "We had been blatantly attacked on the holiest day of the year — obviously the victims — and everything was changed — the victim turned into the aggressor."

What rankles her most, she says, are the Jews who bend over backwards to be "progressive," and in so doing "they join the ranks of Israel's enemies."

She notes that there are lots of conflicting interests and inner conflicts in Israel. "We are continually fighting amongst ourselves over issues which the Arabs are not even prepared to discuss. A peace conference would be a wonderful thing, if it really aimed at peace.

She says that on Jordan's TV weather map, "Jordan just happens to include not only the West Bank but all of Israel with no boundaries shown."

In addition, the Arab press, including Egypt "with whom we have a peace treaty, and Jordan with whom we are trying to make peace, are not only viciously anti-Israel but anti-semitic as well.

"Immediately after the Pope received Waldheim, King Hussein became the first head of state to host Waldheim, with great pomp and ceremony — pushing both Israel's and Peres' face in the mud."

Along with our serious discussion of Israeli politics, Sheffy Gefen told fascinating stories about some of the hundreds of celebrities she has interviewed including David Ben-Gurion, Edward G. Robinson, Peter Sellers, Stanley Kramer, Allan King, Isaac Stern, Arthur Rubinstein, Eugene Ionesco, Placido Domingo, Michael Caine, Orson Welles and Topol.

"I spent three days interviewing on the set of Verdi's Otello where Placido Domingo was the star performer. It was produced by an Israel film company and Domingo spoke to me with nostalgia of his attachment to Israel where he got his first break in opera."

In his early 20s and recently married to a soprano, Domingo heard from a Mexican Jewish friend that the Tel Aviv Opera Company was looking for a tenor and a soprano and he and his wife offered their services for two years.

She comments. "During our interview, he made me feel at ease and from time to time, he would throw in Hebrew words. I told him that I had to leave and I was disappointed that I couldn't attend a charity concert he was giving. I asked him if I could attend a rehearsal."

The following day, to her surprise and delight, while she was sitting in the lobby of her hotel with some members of the film company, Domingo came over to her, put his hand on her shoulder and asked in Hebrew, "Nelech? (Shall we go?)." To this she responded, "Yesh macom? (Is there room?)."

Overwhelmed that he would personally come to get her, she tells, "He gave me his gorgeous smile and said, "Yesh (There is), and he led me to his waiting car and off we went to the rehearsal." She adds that "he is one of the great people who have no snobbishness."

Among her many accomplishments, she was the first unofficial Israeli guest to be hosted in the home of an Egyptian Moslem family, and the very last person to do an in-depth interview with Ingrid Bergman before her death, while Bergman was filming Golda in Israel.

"And what are your plans for the future, Pearl?," I ask.

With a shrug of her shoulders and a toss of her curly hair she says, "I really don't know. But I will continue as a freelance writer."

Philosophically she says, "I believe that one thing leads to another — and I have faith that it will lead me to something exciting."

Based on her past experiences, no doubt this will be a new and exciting chapter in the life of this dynamic and talented personality.

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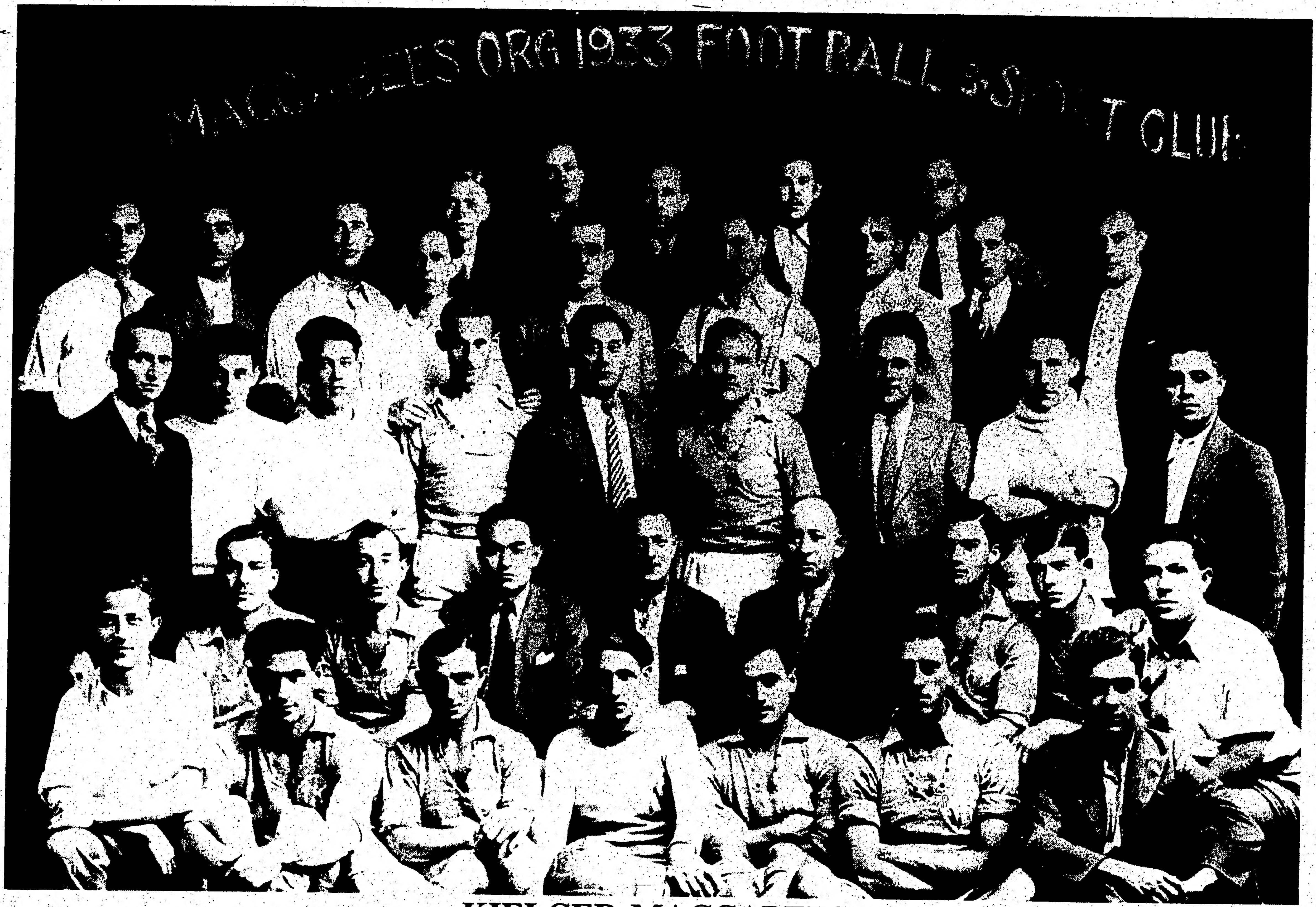
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KIELCER MACCABEES

Here's a photograph for the nostalgia buffs. This picture of the Toronto Kielcer Maccabees was taken by photographer Gordon Mendly, himself a Kielcer. The sports club was established following World War I by Kielce landsmen in Toronto. In addition to participating in sports, many of those in this picture were members of the Kielcer Sick Benefit Society, says Herman Ladovsky. Ladovsky's father Aaron (second row, fourth from right) was the proprietor of United Bakers Dairy Restuarant on Spadina Ave., a meeting place for many hungry ball players. Also in this photo is playwright Fishel Bimko, (second row, third from left).

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